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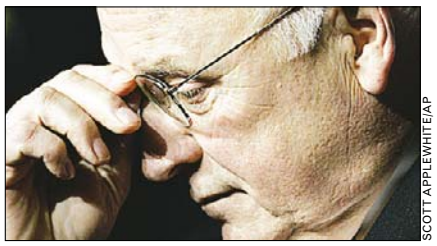
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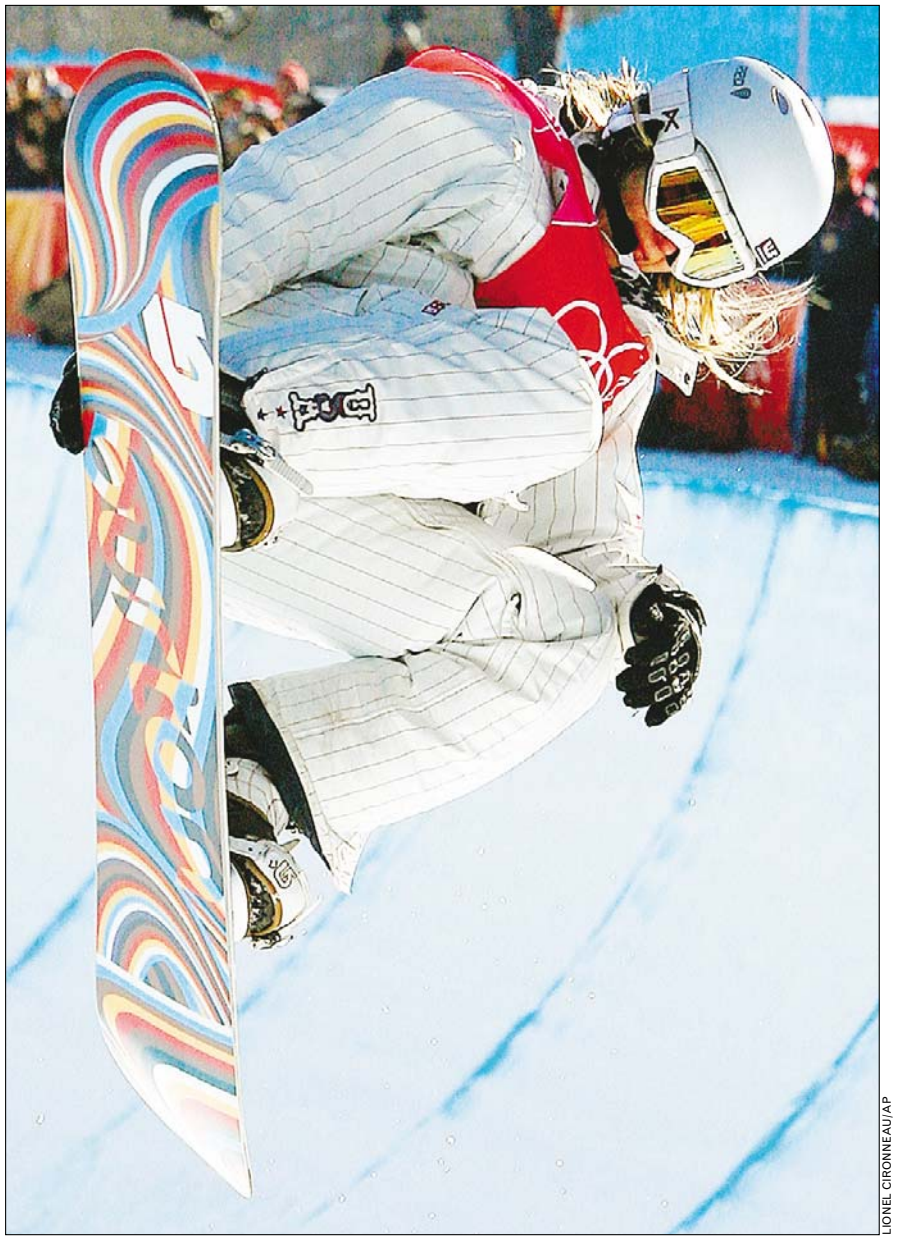
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U.S. Women Fly High

SOAR WINNER: Hannah Teter of the U.S. gets big air during her first run in the women's halfpipe finals in Bardonecchia, Italy, on Monday. Matching the performance of their male teammates, Teter won gold and Gretchen Bleiler won silver — another one-two finish for the U.S. in a distinctly American sport. Kjersti Buaas of Norway won the bronze. ✤ **Homers:** U.S. excels in homegrown sport | **Page 11**

Katrina Aid Goes To Waste

Millions meant for relief is lost to abuses, report finds

WASHINGTON | The government squandered millions of dollars in Katrina disaster aid, including handing $2,000 debit cards to people who gave phony Social Security numbers and used the money for such items as a $450 tattoo, auditors said Monday.

Federal aid also paid for $375-a-day beachfront condos and 10,777 trailers that were stuck in mud and unusable.

Overcharges, poor accounting and abuses will take "months or years" to rectify, the Government Accountability Office and the Homeland Security Department's inspector general concluded in preliminary reports on how billions of dollars in taxpayer money is being spent.

WHERE IT WENT
Recipients used debit cards for:
- **$400** massages
- **$1,100** diamond engagement ring
- **$150** worth of products at "Condoms to Go."

Separately, the Justice Department said Monday that federal prosecutors had filed fraud, theft and other charges against 212 people accused of scams related to Gulf Coast hurricanes. Forty people have pleaded guilty so far, the latest report by the Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force said.

The GAO report found that up to 900,000 of the 2.5 million applicants who received aid under the emergency cash assistance program — which included the debit cards given to evacuees — based their requests on duplicate or invalid Social Security numbers, or false addresses and names. HOPE YEN (AP)

OWING | **In Deep Due-Due** Marie Sushames' relatives found a funny birthday gift for her while looking through the attic of her husband's former house — a very, very overdue library book. But now, says the Rotorua, New Zealand, library, she owes

$4,400 for "The Punch Library of Humor," which was borrowed in 1945. Library manager Jane Gilbert said she would waive the charges if they got it back, because they would like to put the 61-year-overdue book on display. (AP) **EyeOpeners | Page 2**

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LANDMARKS

It Has the Support of The Community

Cardrona, New Zealand, residents voted unanimously to retain a "bra fence" — a farm barrier festooned with hundreds of brassieres — after an objector tried to get the ladies' underwear removed. Four woman hung their lingerie on the fence on New Year's Day 2000 to mark the "liberation" of the new millennium, and, in time, more women hung their bras on it. Tourists have stopped to photograph the fence ever since. The vote for it to stay came after Andre Prassinos of Wanaka complained the fence presents a "potential traffic hazard." (AP)

PRESENTS

Yeah, Bake a File Into A Cake or Something

A Focsni, Romania, court has ordered a man to bring real gifts to his jailed girlfriend instead of ones that mock her imprisonment, the Australian reported. Sicuta Radulescu, who is serving four years in jail for theft, told officials her boyfriend, Nicusor Constantin, was causing her psychological damage with the mean-spirited presents, such as photos of he and her friends out at bars, or cookbooks "he knows I can't use." "His presents are a disappointment and make my time in jail even more unbearable," she said. (EXPRESS)

PAT ROQUE/AP

LOCKED LIPS

Kiss-Off

If you're uncomfortable with PDA, the one place in the world you were least likely to be at Saturday was "Lovapalooza" in Manilla, Philippines. There, more than 2,000 couples met up to make out with each other for 10 straight seconds at the stroke of midnight, during the pre-Valentine's Day celebration. The mass smooching, an annual event in its third year held to launch various holiday festivities, was organized along a popular seaside walkway. (AP)

DOUBLE MEANINGS

Can't Be the Master Of Their Domain

Vietnam has stopped a grapefruit wholesaler from making a Web site with the fruit's name because it is the same as the written word for "penis," the BBC reported. "Grapefruit" in Vietnamese is "buoi," which is different from the word for "penis" when accent markings — which aren't available in Internet addresses — are used. Officials said that made the name illegal for being against "social ethics." (EXPRESS)

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COIN TRICK: Coin dealer and prominent GOP fundraiser Tom Noe was charged Monday with stealing at least $1 million from a state investment in rare coins. The 53 charges filed against Noe concluded massive federal and state fraud probes.

Nation

In Brief

CINCINNATI

Security Company Implants ID Chips Into 2 Workers

Tiny silicon chips were embedded into two workers who volunteered to help test the tagging technology at a surveillance equipment company. The Mexico attorney general's office implanted the so-called RFIDs — for radio frequency identification chips — to restrict access to secure areas. The implants are believed to be the first use of the technology in living humans in the country. (AP)

MCKINNEY, TEXAS

Woman Accused of Severing Baby's Arms Pleads Insanity

A woman accused of killing her 10-month-old daughter by cutting off the baby's arms with a kitchen knife pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity Monday at the start of her murder trial. Dena Schlosser, 37, said nothing while her attorney entered the plea. Schlosser's attorney said she did not know right from wrong during the slaying. (AP)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Investigators Suspect Pair of Men Set Rural Church Fires

Investigators believe a pair of men in their 20s or 30s, likely "bosom buddies," are responsible for a string of church fires in rural Alabama, as authorities confirmed the latest blaze at a Baptist church was the 10th case of arson. The latest fire severely damaged Beaverton Freewill Baptist Church in northwest Alabama. (AP)

Cheney Bashed for Lag in Reporting

Vice president takes heat for waiting to release shooting news

WASHINGTON | Under intense press questioning, White House officials defended on Monday the decision to delay announcement of an accidental shooting incident involving Vice President Dick Cheney, which became public only when a private citizen spread the word.

Spokesman Scott McClellan said the vice president's staff was focused on making sure that the victim, attorney Harry Whittington, was receiving adequate medical care after the shooting.

Whittington and Cheney had been hunting quail together Saturday when the Texan was hit by bird shot from Cheney's shotgun. Cheney apparently had not seen Whittington, and the vice president's shot accidentally hit his companion in the face, neck and chest. Senior Advisor Karl Rove told President Bush Saturday night about Cheney's involvement.

Cheney

McClellan said he learned Saturday night that someone in the party was involved but didn't know that Cheney was the shooter until Sunday morning. He said he urged Cheney's office to get information out "as quickly as possible."

Ranch owner Katharine Armstrong said the family realized Sunday morning that the shooting would be a story and decided to call the local newspaper. She said that is when she discussed news coverage with Cheney for the first time.

The White House response came hours before the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said Cheney and his hunting partner would get a warning for violating the state's game law by failing to buy a required hunting stamp. (AP)

Cheney's Way

➜ Despite White House press protocols designed to avoid the appearance of cover-ups, Cheney allowed a private citizen to speak for the administration | Today, Page A1

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MASSACHUSETS | AFTER THE STORM

MARK C. IDE/AP

SNOW PLAY: Mark Dimond and son Cameron, 5, bound down the slopes of the Westborough Country Club Monday in Westborough, Mass. Schools along the East Coast were closed after a snowstorm blanketed the region.

Chertoff Unveils FEMA Changes, Defends DHS

WASHINGTON | Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff on Monday rejected criticism that his agency is preoccupied with terror threats, at the expense of preparing for natural disasters.

Chertoff

The strong defense responds to criticism by ex-federal disaster chief Michael Brown and comes as a congressional report blamed government-wide ineptitude for mishandling Hurricane Katrina relief.

Chertoff was announcing wide-ranging changes to the nation's embattled Federal Emergency Management Agency. The changes include creation of a full-time response force of 1,500 new employees to establishing a more reliable reporting system, the first steps to overhauling FEMA, which was overwhelmed by the Aug. 29 Gulf Coast storm.

A 600-page report by a special Republican-dominated House inquiry into one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history concluded that late state and local evacuation orders exacerbated an untrained and inexperienced force of federal emergency workers. LARA JAKES JORDAN (AP)

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BLOWN COVER: Two U.S. air marshals face federal drug charges accusing them of using their positions to smuggle cocaine through airport security and onto planes for transport. The officers face 10 years to life in prison if convicted.

More Katrina Victims Leave Hotels

Judge rules FEMA can halt federal funding for housing program

NEW ORLEANS | About 12,000 families made homeless by last year's hurricanes began checking out of their federally funded hotel rooms around the country Monday after a federal judge let the Federal Emergency Management Agency stop paying directly for their stays.

FEMA promised the evacuees from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita that they will still receive federal rent assistance that they can put toward hotel stays or other housing. But the agency will no longer pay for their hotel rooms directly.

Earlier in the day, attorneys for the evacuees pleaded with U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval for a last-minute reprieve, saying the rent assistance will not be enough for decent living accommodations or continued hotel stays.

"These people are going to be homeless. We've heard from a lot of people who are going to be sleeping in their cars," said Bill Quigley, a lawyer for the evacuees.

But Duval denied the request.

ALEX BRANDON/AP

ON THE ROAD: John Williams moves out of the Astor Crowne Plaza in New Orleans on Monday. FEMA will no longer be directly paying for hurricane victims' hotel stays.

FEMA said the majority of those checking out had made arrangements for other housing. But some said they had nowhere to go except their own cars, a relative's couch or back to a shelter.

About 10,500 families, or 88 percent of the 12,000 homeless families, have received rent-assistance checks from FEMA, officials said.

At a meeting of state emergency managers in Alexandria, Va., acting FEMA chief R. David Paulison told reporters the judge's ruling "recognized that we're doing the right thing for these people."

Monday marks the second wave of evacuees losing FEMA financing of their hotel rooms. Last week, the occupants of roughly 4,500 rooms lost FEMA funding after failing to ask the agency for extensions.

RUKMINI CALLIMACHI (AP)

Illegal Immigrant Youth Apparently On the Lam

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. | An illegal immigrant found living in a suburban high school last year, prompting tremendous sympathy among students, is apparently on the run after failing to board a plane back to Mexico in January.

A judge had ordered Francisco Javier Serrano, 22, to leave the country because he was here illegally.

On Jan. 5, he hugged supporters at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and walked toward the security screeners, but his plane ticket was never used and he hasn't been seen since by friends in Minnesota or family in Mexico.

Serrano is damaging any chance he had of ever living here legally, said his attorney, Herbert Ignabugo. (AP)

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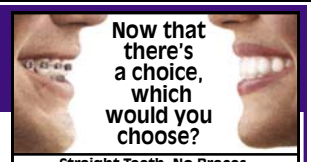

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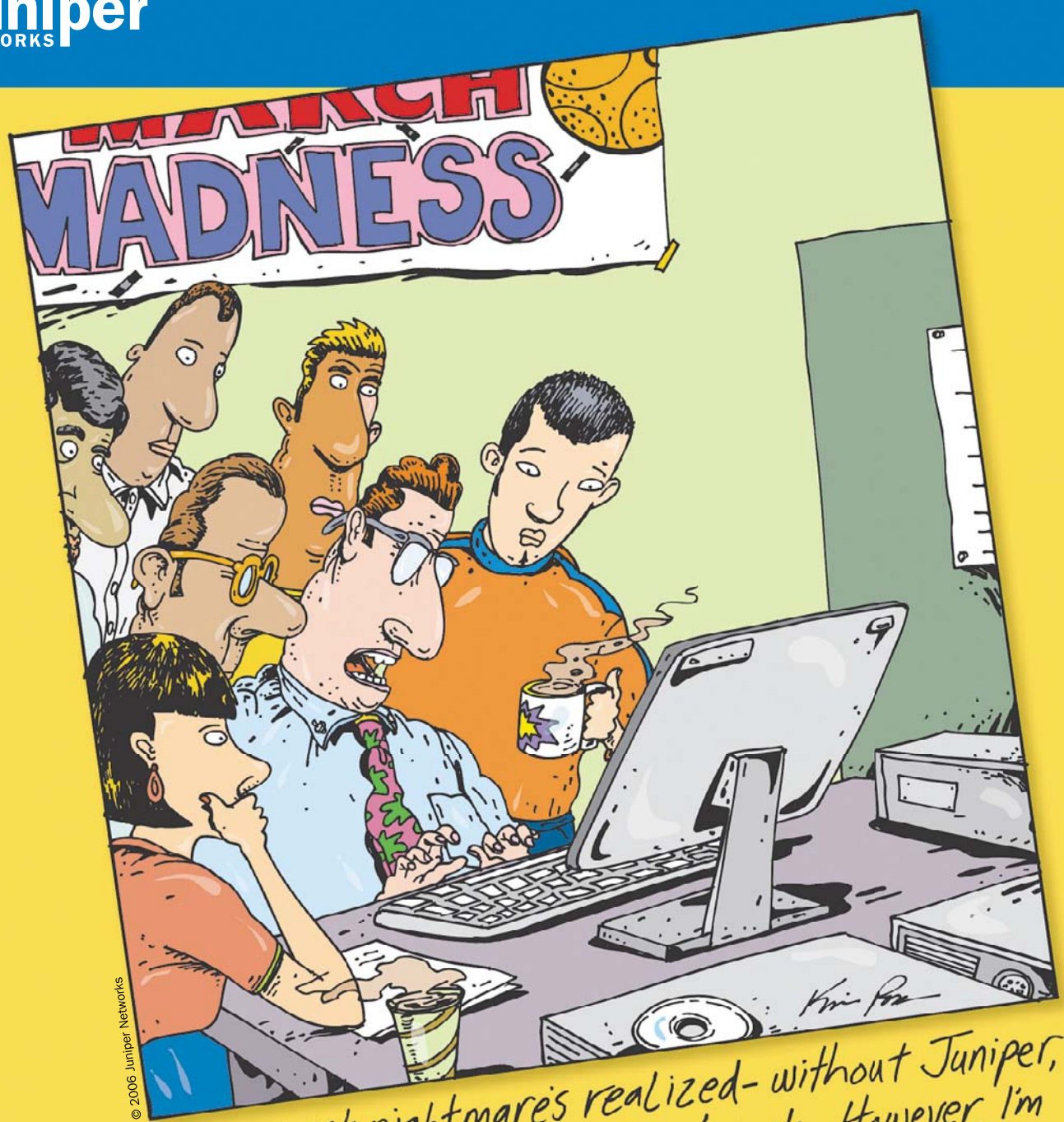

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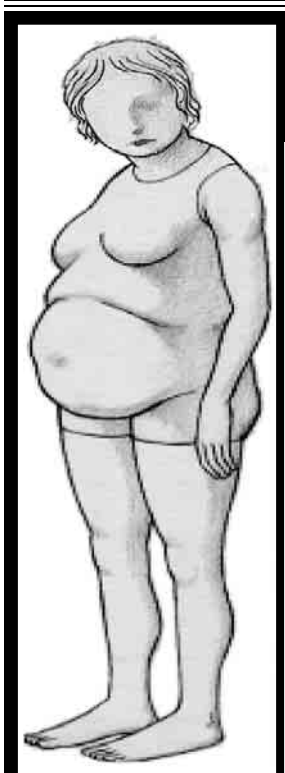

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Haitian Protests Intensify

Angry over vote tallies, Preval backers storm hotel, burn barricades

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI | Supporters of Haitian presidential candidate Rene Preval erected smoldering roadblocks across the capital and occupied a luxury hotel Monday. At least one protester was killed, but U.N. peacekeepers denied witness accounts that they had shot him.

As Port-au-Prince descended into chaos, Preval returned to the capital for the first time since the election Tuesday. He was the clear winner with about 90 percent of the votes counted, but supporters claimed electoral officials were tampering with results to prevent him from getting the majority he needs to avoid a runoff.

Barricades made of old tires were ablaze across the capital, sending plumes of acrid black smoke into the sky. Protesters let only journalists and Red Cross vehicles pass.

"If they don't give us the final results, we're going to burn this country down!" a protester screamed.

The election will replace an interim government installed after former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted in a bloody rebellion two years ago.

Preval arrived in the capital aboard a U.N. helicopter.

"We have questions about the electoral process," he told reporters after meeting with the top U.N. official in Haiti and other diplomats. "We want to see how we can save the process." STEVENSON JACOBS (AP)

ARIANA CUBILLOS/AP

FRUSTRATION FLARES: A supporter of Haitian presidential front-runner Rene Preval holds up a poster of him at a burning roadblock in Port-au-Prince Monday.

Prosecutors Try to Tie Saddam to '82 Crimes

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Prosecutors produced documents and put former aides to Saddam Hussein on the stand Monday as they made their strongest attempt yet to link him directly to torture and executions.

The ousted president, who looked disheveled and appeared in his slippers, shouted "Down with Bush!"

Saddam's half brother, Barzan Ibrahim — dressed only in an undershirt and long underwear — struggled with guards as he was pulled into the courtroom.

The defendants have rejected court-appointed attorneys and are demanding the removal of chief judge Rouf Abdel-Rahman.

After the raucous start, prosecutors tried to prove Saddam's role in a wave of arrests and executions that followed a 1982 attempt on his life in the Shiite village of Dujail.

Twenty-six prosecution witnesses have testified since the Saddam trial began, but none could directly pin any crimes on Saddam.

For the first time, the prosecution introduced key documents and put two former members of Saddam's regime on the stand. HAMZA HENDAWI (AP)

STEFAN ZAKLIN/POOL/AP

Ex-Iraqi president Saddam Hussein shouted "Down with Bush" in court.

Suicide Bomber Kills 10 Iraqis in Baghdad Attack

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | A suicide bomber blew himself up Monday after joining a line of Iraqis waiting for government checks in a mostly Shiite district of Baghdad, killing 10 people and wounding about 40 — including women and children.

The attack occurred as more than 70 people lined up at a bank to receive government checks to compensate for incomplete food rations. Police said the bomber stepped into the line as security guards were searching people before letting them in.

Late Monday, new television footage showed two hostage German engineers surrounded by masked gunmen. Al-Arabiya TV did not air audio from the tape, but said the kidnappers warned the German government it was the "last chance" to meet their demands or the men would be killed. (AP)

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World

ROMANCING THE BOOK: Belgian singles who like to read are descending upon libraries across the country as part of a new spin on speed dating. About a dozen dating hopefuls discuss their favorite tomes in the meetings that some have dubbed "lib-dating."

In Brief

CAIRO, EGYPT

Muslim Brotherhood Vows To Fight Delay of Elections

Egypt's banned Muslim Brotherhood vowed on Monday to fight a decree by President Hosni Mubarak that effectively postpones elections for thousands of local council seats by two years. The increasingly popular Brotherhood, which was banned from officially forming a political party, claimed Mubarak was desperately trying to stop further political gains by the fundamentalist Islamic organization. The Shura Council voted in favor Sunday of the Mubarak decree to extend by two years the terms of 4,500 officeholders on local councils. (AP)

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Judge Withdraws at Start Of Ex-Official's Rape Trial

The judge presiding over the rape trial of South Africa's former deputy president withdrew before it could begin Monday, underscoring the pressure on the justice system over the country's most politically explosive case since apartheid's end. The charges could destroy the political career of Jacob Zuma, who once seemed certain to become the country's next leader. The court adjourned until Tuesday, when a new judge will hear a defense request for a two-week postponement. (AP)

Zuma

Iran Delays Nuke Talks With Russia

Taking another bold step, Tehran restarts uranium enrichment

TEHRAN, IRAN | Iran notched up the brinksmanship over its disputed nuclear program Monday, abruptly postponing talks with Moscow on a plan to enrich Tehran's uranium on Russian territory to allay fears it is building an atomic weapon.

Diplomats in Europe said Iran had started small-scale enrichment of uranium, a process that can produce fuel for an atomic bomb.

"Uranium gas has been fed into three machines," said a senior diplomat in Vienna, Austria, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Another diplomat confirmed that limited enrichment had begun at Iran's Natanz site.

State-run Iranian television later reported that Alaeddin Boroujerdi, head of the national security and foreign relations committee in parliament, said the country had begun peaceful nuclear enrichment activities Monday. Boroujerdi said inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency were present.

The talks with Russia had been slated for Thursday but were delayed indefinitely because of the "new situation," said Iranian presidential spokesman Gholamhossein Elham. He was referring to the IAEA's decision this month to report Iran to the U.N. Security Council.

Even small-scale enrichment is significant because it represents symbolic determination by Tehran to go ahead with a technology that most nations want it to give up because of fears of misuse.

Also Monday, Tehran issued its third veiled threat in as many days to withdraw from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

If the international community does not agree to Iran's right to enrich uranium, "there is no reason to continue our current nuclear policy while we are deprived of the positive aspects of the treaty," said a spokesman for President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. NASSER KARIMI (AP)

BEHROUZ MEHRI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad met with foreign diplomats in Tehran on Monday.

4 U.S. Soldiers Die in Afghan Bombing Attack

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | A bomb killed four U.S. troops when it hit their armored vehicle Monday in a volatile mountainous region in Afghanistan, the deadliest loss for the U.S. military in the country in four months.

Officials also said five Afghan members of a U.S.-backed militia also were killed in a firefight in the southern province of Helmand.

The four American troops were patrolling with Afghan soldiers along a valley road in Uruzgan province's Dihrawud district, a hotbed of the insurgency, when they were attacked, U.S. military spokesman Lt. Mike Cody said.

Shortly after the blast, militants opened fire with guns and rocket-propelled grenades. The troops fought back and called in attack helicopters and fighter planes, a military statement said. An assessment of insurgent casualties is ongoing, the military said. (AP)

PM Asserts Denmark Not Fairly Portrayed

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK | Denmark's prime minister complained Monday that his nation had been unfairly portrayed as intolerant in the international furor over the Prophet Muhammad cartoons, and his foreign minister said a government apology would be pointless.

After meeting with a newly formed network of moderate Muslims, Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen called for peaceful dialogue to defuse Denmark's biggest international crisis since World War II.

"We have seen Denmark portrayed as a closed and intolerant society," he added. "The truth is the opposite. Denmark is an open and tolerant society."

Danish Foreign Minister Per Stig Moeller told The Associated Press the government had no reason to apologize for the drawings first published in one of Denmark's largest newspapers.

"First, you cannot apologize for something you have not done," Per Stig Moeller said. "Second, nothing illegal has been done because no one has been found guilty by a court."

Protests against the cartoons continued, with Pakistani police firing tear gas on thousands of student protesters, Egyptian demonstrators calling for a boycott of European countries and hundreds of Palestinian schoolchildren trampling on a Danish flag. (AP)

JOHN MCCONNICO/AP

Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen spoke on the cartoon crisis.

Team to Test 'Joan of Arc' Remains

GARCHES, FRANCE | A team of scientists hopes to crack one of the many layers of mystery surrounding French heroine Joan of Arc: Are the rib and other fragments recovered after she was burned at the stake for heresy really hers?

The woman warrior-turned-saint looms large in the French imagination, nearly 600 years after her ashes were thought to have been thrown into the Seine River.

A few remains were reportedly recovered from the pyre where the 19-year-old was burned alive. A team of 18 experts now plans a battery of tests to determine whether the remains — including a rib bone and some skin — indeed belonged to her. The results could provide a boost for forensic scientists studying other historical remains.

The tests will not be able to say with certainty that the remains are Joan of Arc's, because there is no known DNA sample from her to compare them with, said Dr. Philippe Charlier.

But the analyses will determine with "absolute certitude" if the remains are not hers, he added, speaking to reporters. (AP)

JACQUES BRINON/AP

The supposed remains of French heroine Joan of Arc include a bone and skin.

26K | **Total number of BGE customers** in Maryland without power late Monday afternoon following this weekend's snow storm. The hardest hit area was Anne Arundel County. All power is expected to be restored by Tuesday afternoon.

Local

In Brief

BALTIMORE

Democrats Raid Rival Turf For Endorsements in Race

Maryland's two Democratic candidates for governor tried to boost their campaigns Monday by trumpeting an endorsement from the other's backyard. Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan got an endorsement from Baltimore's top prosecutor, Baltimore State's Attorney Patricia Jessamy. Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley went into Duncan's home turf and picked up support from Rockville's mayor, Larry Giammo. Each candidate then tried to polish his record while attacking his opponent on crime fighting. (AP)

Duncan

WASHINGTON

Dulles, National Airports See Record Traffic in '05

Anyone flying in or out of Dulles and National last year had plenty of company, as both airports handled record numbers of passengers. Figures released Monday by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority show 27 million fliers used Washington Dulles International Airport, an increase of about 18 percent over 2004. Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport saw a 12 percent jump in passengers in 2005, to 17.8 million. (AP)

WASHINGTON

D.C. to Seize Tax Refunds To Get Owed Child Support

They've tried amnesty. They've tried lifting driver's licenses. Now, city government lawyers hope to seize the tax refunds of thousands of parents who owe back child support. Since 1998, when the Office of Attorney General took over child support enforcement, District lawyers have been trying to improve collections and reduce the backlog of disputed cases. Those efforts are now apparently bearing fruit. Last year alone, collection of arrears increased by more than 14 percent. (AP)

Va. Senate Passes Smoking Ban Bill

Effort to bar smoking in nearly all public places heads to House

RICHMOND, VA. | The Virginia State Senate voted Monday to ban smoking in restaurants and virtually all public places, a surprising move in a state that is home to the worldwide headquarters of Philip Morris and some of the nation's largest tobacco farms.

The body narrowly approved the measure after a short but fiery debate over the public health risks of secondhand smoke and consumer choice.

The bill, sponsored by a Republican from Roanoke, would make smoking illegal in all public workplaces, with the exception of certain tobacco stores and offices. The prohibition would extend to bars, eateries and bowling alleys.

"This is about public health," said sponsor Sen. J. Brandon Bell II. "The research has come forward over the years and it's shown us that secondhand cigarette smoke is a very insidious health problem."

STEVE HELBER/AP

Virginia state Sen. J. Brandon Bell II listens to debate of his smoking bill.

If approved by the House of Delegates and Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, the bill would mean public areas in virtually the entire Washington region could soon be smoke free.

The D.C. Council has approved a ban on smoking in restaurants and bars for the city, which is now under review by Congress. Likewise, Montgomery and Prince George's counties have also eliminated indoor smoking. ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

NATIONAL ZOO | SNOW BUSINESS

ANN BATDORF/NATIONAL ZOO

MOTHER AND CHILD AT PLAY: As numerous area residents' snowy Monday commutes were punctuated with grumbling, mother panda Mei Xiang, right, and cub Tai Shan, left, were all smiles in their pen at the National Zoo.

STAY ALERT: Metro is reminding passengers who use portable electronic devices during their commutes to stay aware of their surroundings. Among the transit agency's recommendations: Keep the volume of portable music devices at a low or moderate decibel level; and try to avoid the use of white headphones, which are more noticeable to potential criminals. (EXPRESS)

The Lotteries

Monday, Feb. 13

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	4-3-5 (Red)
Evening Lucky Numbers	4-5-5 (White)
Mid-day DC 4	2-9-5-5
Evening DC 4	2-6-7-6
Rolling Cash Five	08-05-29-04-09
Daily 6	13-16-33-22-11-09 Bonus: 26

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	4-8-1
Evening Pick 3	4-5-4
Mid-day Pick 4	5-0-5-6
Evening Pick 4	3-9-5-8
Match 5	15-17-21-22-28 Bonus: 35

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	8-3-2
Mid-day Pick 4	1-5-0-8
Mid-day Cash 5	03-19-24-32-34

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

District May Split Fire, Emergency Services

WASHINGTON | City officials on Monday debated the need to separate the city's fire and emergency medical services as a way to improve the response to medical emergencies.

City officials have been discussing ways to improve the service since last month's fatal attack on New York Times reporter David Rosenbaum. The city's inspector general is investigating the circumstances surrounding the care Rosenbaum, 63, was given after he was hit on the head as he walked near his Northwest Washington home.

A fire truck carrying four emergency medical technicians responded to the first call for help. A basic life support ambulance was dispatched from six miles away and arrived at his home 23 minutes later. He was taken to Howard University Hospital, where he died less than three days later. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

Healthy Adult Volunteers Needed

The National Institute of Mental Health is conducting a psychopharmacology study of mild stress and memory. Participants will be interviewed and will complete a series of tasks during which physiological functioning will be recorded. Volunteers must be between the ages of 18-50.

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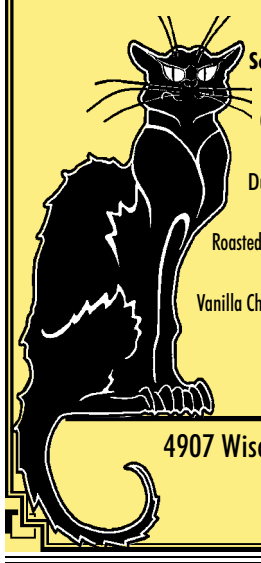

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Money

Google Stock Slides Again

Under scrutiny from analysts, search engine giant takes another hit

SAN FRANCISCO | Google Inc.'s stock price dropped by more than 4 percent Monday, accelerating a recent shift in sentiment that has caused once-ebullient investors to become more circumspect about the online search engine leader.

Barron's cast the latest pall on Google with an article outlining several risks that threaten to squeeze the company's profit margins and cut its market value in half.

The gloomy scenario further dampened investors' enthusiasm for Google, whose market value has plunged by 27 percent during the past month. Google's shares fell $16.91, or 4.7 percent, to close at $345.70 on the Nasdaq Stock Market. The shares peaked at $475.11 on Jan. 11.

Since its stock reached that high, Google has released a fourth-quarter earnings report that didn't live up to analysts' lofty expectations and alienated some of its users by launching a censored version of its search engine in China.

Those developments have contributed to an abrupt change in perception about Google, which began 2006 as a widely revered Internet icon that seemingly could do no wrong as its shares soared from their August 2004 initial public offering price of $85.

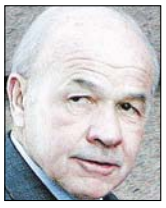
Google has continued to enthrall most analysts even as the company's management is ambivalent about Wall Street's opinions.

"The company isn't run for the long-term value of our shareholders but for the long-term value of our end users," CEO Eric Schmidt said in an interview published in this week's Time magazine. (AP)

Lay Disclosed Some Enron Losses

HOUSTON | Enron Corp. founder Kenneth Lay disclosed hundreds of millions of dollars in quarterly losses and a surprise $1.2 billion writedown in shareholder equity six weeks before the company fell into bankruptcy proceedings in December 2001, jurors in his fraud and conspiracy trial heard Monday on a tape of a quarterly earnings conference call.

But prosecutors contend he still held back some bad news from investors or wrongly described the losses as one-time events to give Wall Street false hope that business would improve, while he allegedly knew the company was in trouble. Lay is on trial alongside former CEO Jeffrey Skilling.



Lay

Lay lawyer Michael Ramsey kicked off the third week of the trial Monday by trying to show that his client hid nothing when he disclosed a list of problems that included a $638 million third-quarter 2001 loss.

Lay assured analysts on the mid-October 2001 conference call heard Monday that Enron "cleaned up some items here" and expected no credit-rating downgrades — which would alert investors that more problems were brewing.

Six weeks later, Enron filed for bankruptcy protection amid revelations of off-the-books debt and inflated profits. KRISTEN HAYS (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
BedfrdP	26.90	+2.37	+9.7
BlackRock	141.99	+10.48	+8.0
Berkley s	51.97	+3.18	+6.5
CinciBell	3.99	+.23	+6.1
LVSands	50.25	+2.54	+5.3

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
WolvTub	3.86	-.39	-9.2
HarmonyG	14.97	-1.32	-8.1
Turksh	25.55	-2.15	-7.8
NovaStar	25.70	-2.04	-7.4
OreStl	35.10	-2.63	-7.0

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Xenogen	3.88	+.99	+34.3
CancerVax	3.27	+.68	+26.2
Icagen	7.60	+1.08	+16.6
ChinaESv n	7.84	+.93	+13.5
ACMoore	17.42	+2.02	+13.1

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AmPac	5.46	-1.89	-25.7
Datatrak s	6.83	-1.97	-22.4
ChinaTDev	8.73	-1.65	-15.9
EmpireRst	4.35	-.61	-12.3
SupVsn	3.25	-.45	-12.2

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-26.73	-22.07	-4.13
-0.24	-0.98	-0.33
10892.32	2239.81	1262.86

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.50	7.50
Fed Funds close	4.50	4.50
3-month disc	4.44	4.35
2-year	4.67	4.62
10-year	4.58	4.54
30-year	4.56	4.62

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5738	.5734	.5352
Canadian Dollar	1.1542	1.1530	1.2368
European Euro	.8397	.8403	.7769
Japanese Yen	117.66	117.88	105.76
Mexican Peso	10.5040	10.5060	11.1460
Taiwanese Dollar	32.37	32.26	31.76

Biotech Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Amgen	71.14	-.31	-9.8
Amylin	36.99	-.21	-7.3
BiogenIdc	43.71	-.56	-3.5
Celgene	69.13	-.53	+6.7
ChRvLab	47.04	-.48	+11.0
Chiron	45.55	-.22	+2.5
Genentch	81.60	-1.92	-11.8
Genzyme	67.54	-.51	-4.6
GileadSci	59.18	+.08	+12.6
Imclone	35.89	-.19	+4.8
Invitrogn	66.32	-.83	-.5
MedImun	34.29	+.16	-2.1
MillPhar	10.19	-.24	+5.1
PDL Bio	28.09	-.77	-1.2
VertxPh	34.49	-1.41	+24.6

161 | **The number of** athletes tested for doping at the Winter Olympics. So far, the news is all good: No one has tested positive. The International Olympic Committee plans 1,200 tests over the next two weeks.

Sports

MEDAL TRACKER

COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
Norway	1	3	4	8
Russia	3	3	1	7
United States	4	2	0	6
Germany	2	0	1	3
Netherlands	1	2	0	3
S. Korea	1	1	1	3
Italy	1	0	2	3
China	0	1	2	3
Canada	1	0	1	2

GOLD STANDARDS

➜ **Svetlana Ishmouratova** of Russia capitalized on mistakes by all the favorites in the women's 15km individual biathlon, winning in a time of 49 minutes, 24.1 seconds. Teammate Olga Pyleva was second.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

➜ **The Americans** routed the defending Olympic champions in the opening game of the men's curling tournament, scoring five points in the eighth end and causing Norway to concede with two frames to go in the 11-5 match.

➜ **The U.S, women's** curling team, frustrated by fast ice that kept their stones from swinging around the sheet, squandered a 4-1 lead in their Olympic opener Monday and lost 11-6 to Norway.

OLYMPIC TV LINEUP

FIGURE SKATING (8 P.M. ON NBC) Men's short program featuring Johnny Weir.
SKIING (8 P.M. ON NBC) Men's combined gold medal final, including Bode Miller.
SPEED SKATING (8 P.M. ON NBC) Women's 500m gold medal final.
LUGE (8 P.M. ON NBC) Women's singles gold medal final.
WOMEN'S HOCKEY (2:30 P.M. ON USA) The U.S. plays Finland.
CURLING (5 P.M. ON CNBC) The U.S. women vs. Japan.

PASCAL LE SEGRETAIN/GETTY

LONELY AT THE TOP: Joey Cheek had no real competition in the 500 meters after he skated the best races of his career.

Cheek Peeks at Right Time

Speedskater brings home gold for United States in 500 meters

SPEEDSKATING | Negotiating four slippery turns with ease, Joey Cheek skated the two best races of his career and came away with Olympic gold.

Cheek won the men's 500 meters Monday in dominating fashion, giving the United States its second speedskating gold medal of the Turin Games.

His victory in the sprint race was the second straight by an American in as many Olympics. Casey FitzRandolph won at Salt Lake City, but this time nearly fell in his first race and finished 12th.

"He not only won, he blew everybody away," FitzRandolph said.

Chad Hedrick won the first gold in Saturday's 5,000 meters.

Cheek skated 1 1/4 laps in 34.94 seconds, giving him a combined time of 1 minute, 9.76 seconds. He was the only one to break 35 seconds on the slow Turin ice — and he did it in both his races.

"I was focused, relaxed and I enjoyed it," he said.

Dmitry Dorofeyev of Russia won the silver in 1:10.41 and Lee Kang-seok of South Korea earned a bronze in 1:10.43.

In a sport usually decided by hundredths of a second, Cheek won by a commanding 0.65 seconds.

"It's miraculous," he said. "I'm kind of shocked that I skated that fast. That's the two best races I've ever skated in my life."

BETH HARRIS (AP)

Russians Avoid Soap Opera in Pairs

'Tot' and 'Max' easily win event marred by the judging in 2002

FIGURE SKATING | Tot and Max's Russian rout made the judges' jobs easy.

Tatiana Totmianina and Maxim Marinin eliminated any chance for controversy and kept their nation's domination of Olympic pairs going Monday night with a balletic free skate reminiscent of the greatest Russian couples.

YURI KADOBNOV/AFP/GETTY

Tatiana Totmianina and Maxim Marinin in their award-winning performance.

A Russian or Soviet pair has won the gold medal every year since 1964, and this one was as good as any. Add Totmianina and Marinin to Gordeeva and Grinkov or the Protopopovs at the top of perhaps the greatest dynasty in Olympic sports.

Their huge margin, 14.75 points over China's Zhang Dan and Zhang Hao, also erased thoughts of any judging improprieties in the first Olympic pairs event since the 2002 Salt Lake City scandal that led to the new code of points system.

Shen Xue and Zhao Hongbo of China won their second straight bronze medal. BARRY WILNER (AP)

LIONEL CIRONNEAU/AP

Hannah Teter celebrates her first run in the halfpipe, which she won on Monday.

U.S. Has a 1, 2 Punch In Halfpipe

SNOWBOARDING | When it comes to snowboarding, the Olympics are America's halfpipe and the rest of the world is just shredding in it.

That point was driven home again Monday, when Americans Hannah Teter won gold and Gretchen Bleiler won silver, adding more hardware to the two medals the U.S. men won the day before.

"USA. Representing," Bleiler said. "We're doing a good job. That's about all I can say."

Were it not for Norway's Kjersti Buaas throwing the run of her life, the Americans would have earned the sweep they almost had when Shaun White, Danny Kass and Mason Aguirre finished 1-2-4.

But Buass' run was worth the bronze and when Kelly Clark, the 2002 Olympic champion, slipped after her final jump — a tough, 900-degree spin. Nevertheless, the Americans are dominating a sport born and raised in their country.

The move from fringe lifestyle sport to mainstream really took off in 2002, when the American men swept the halfpipe medals at the Salt Lake City Games, the first time the United States had done that in any winter sport in 46 years. That brought about a whole new wave of shredders — snowboarding's classic catch-all metaphor for powering through powder and tearing up halfpipes. EDDIE PELLS (AP)

Sports

A NEW AGE: Grandma's gone, but the kid's sticking around. While Anne Abernathy, the 52-year-old known as "Grandma Luge" pulled out of Monday's luge event with an injury, 16-year-old rookie Sarah Podorieszach placed 12th after two opening runs.

A Scary Day on the Downhill Slope

Kildow avoids serious injury after bad crash, plans to stay in Games

SKIING | It all happened so fast: the initial wobble at 50 mph, the awkward leg splits, the tumble, the "Oh, no!" instant when things really got scary for Lindsey Kildow.

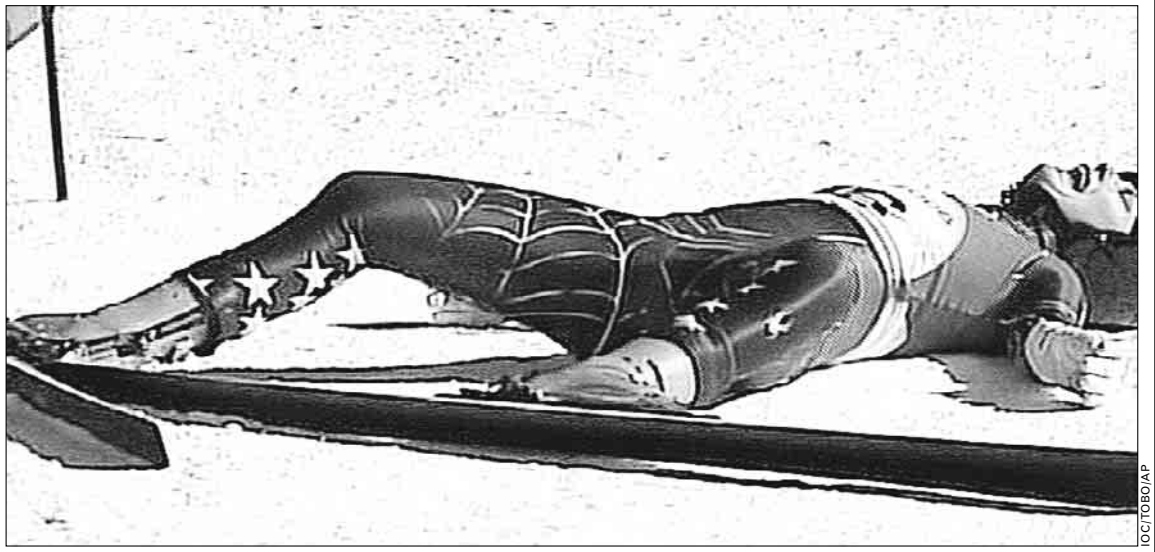
The American skiing star popped into the air, out of control, limbs flailing and poles flying, until she slammed back to earth 15 feet away, her head snapping back on the icy snow. Somehow, Kildow emerged with nothing worse than a bruised hip from Monday's downhill training crash on a course overhauled after she and other skiers complained it was too easy.

And, somehow, despite being taken off in a toboggan and airlifted to a Turin hospital, she wasn't willing to rule out competing at these Olympics — as soon as Wednesday.

"She's tougher than I am, if you can imagine that," said close friend Picabo Street, a skier who won a gold medal at the 1998 Nagano Olympics two years after breaking her leg and tearing knee ligaments.

Kildow was one of four skiers who crashed on a slick Fraiteve Olympique downhill course.

Defending Olympic downhill champion Carole Montillet-Carles of France smacked into protective fencing when she failed to navigate the route's biggest jump and had rib, back and facial injuries. She likely will not race Wednesday. Canadian Allison Forsyth's Olympics are over after she tore knee ligaments, and Elisabeth Goergl of Austria also fell but was able to ski to the bottom of the hill. BOB BAUM (AP)



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CRASH COURSE: U.S. skier Lindsey Kildow lies in the snow after crashing in a practice run Monday. She escaped major injuries.

"Downhill racing bears no similarity to anything you've ever tried, any job you've ever held, or any stunt you've ever pulled."

Sally Jenkins marvels at Lindsey Kildow's courage | **Today in Sports**

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DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Retrosi's family looks on after the crash.

Luger Retrosi Out After Crash

LUGE | Samantha Retrosi's terrifying crash on Monday provided a scary reminder of how dangerous riding a sled at 80 mph can be.

The 20-year-old from Saranac Lake, N.Y., competing in her first Winter Games, sustained a concussion and cut her chin in a wicked spill on the first day of women's luge when several of the world's top racers failed to stay upright.

Though she suffered short-term memory loss and is out of the games, Retrosi is fortunate to have escaped far more serious injuries. She was taken by helicopter to a hospital in Turin for observation and was expected to spend the night. (AP)

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Sports

Bucknell Earns A Spot in Top 25

George Washington up to No. 7 after close call against St. Joe's

COLLEGE HOOPS | The giant killer is now among college basketball's big names.

Bucknell (20-3), the Patriot League school that has beaten some of the country's premier programs the last two seasons, joined The Associated Press' Top 25 for the first time Monday by grabbing the No. 24 ranking

The Bison have won 11 straight since losing two straight on the road to Santa Clara and then-No. 1 Duke. Their other loss this season was to No. 4 Villanova.

Connecticut (22-1) was a runaway No. 1 for the fourth straight week. Duke (23-1) was second with four No. 1 votes and 1,635 points. Memphis was third and Villanova, which hosted Connecticut on Monday night, received the only other first-place vote.

George Washington, which survived a scare against St. Joseph's, now has the No. 7 ranking to go with their 20-1 record.

Georgetown, which lost to No. 11 West Virginia Sunday, fell to No. 17, down from No. 15.

Struggling Maryland didn't receive a vote after losing to Duke Saturday. (AP)

In Brief

WIZARDS

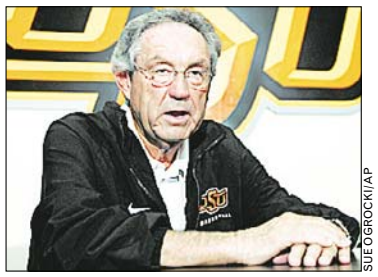
Arenas Is Player of the Week

Wizards point guard Gilbert Arenas was chosen Eastern Conference player of the week on Monday. Arenas led the Wizards to a perfect 4-0 mark last week while averaging 31.8 points, 7.3 assists and 4.8 rebounds. Arenas was also picked for the East's All-Star team on Friday to replace the injured Jermaine O'Neal. (AP)

COLLEGE HOOPS

Sutton Out for the Season

Eddie Sutton may have coached his last game, a 35-year career possibly ending six victories short of 800 because of a traffic accident in which he was injured and cited for driving under the influence. Oklahoma State announced Monday that the 69-year-old Sutton would take a medical leave and that Sean Sutton, his son and designated heir apparent, will finish this season as coach. The school said no decision had been made on next season. (AP)



SUE OGROCKI/AP

Sutton won't coach again this season.

WOMEN'S HOOPS

Terps Jump to No. 4 Ranking

Loss No. 1 for North Carolina sent Duke back atop AP's women's basketball poll ahead of Monday's game against Maryland. The Terrapins jumped from 6th to No. 4 after beating then No. 1 North Carolina Thursday. The ranking is the highest for Maryland since it was third the week of Jan. 12, 1993. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE HOOPS (8 P.M. ON UPN20) Maryland sits squarely on the NCAA bubble when visiting ACC rival Clemson, which beat the Terps three times last year.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) Alabama faces South Carolina.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) St. Joe's visits Temple in an Atlantic-10 battle.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPN) Big 10 powers Michigan State and Iowa square off.

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Entertainment

MANSON FAMILY VALUES: Need to ruin another childhood memory? Marilyn Manson is promoting his new horror film based on the life of "Alice in Wonderland" author, Lewis Carroll. We hear he's got the rights to "Nightmare in Bikini Bottom."

Wylde at Heart

The hard-working guitarist Zakk Wylde is a metal craftsman

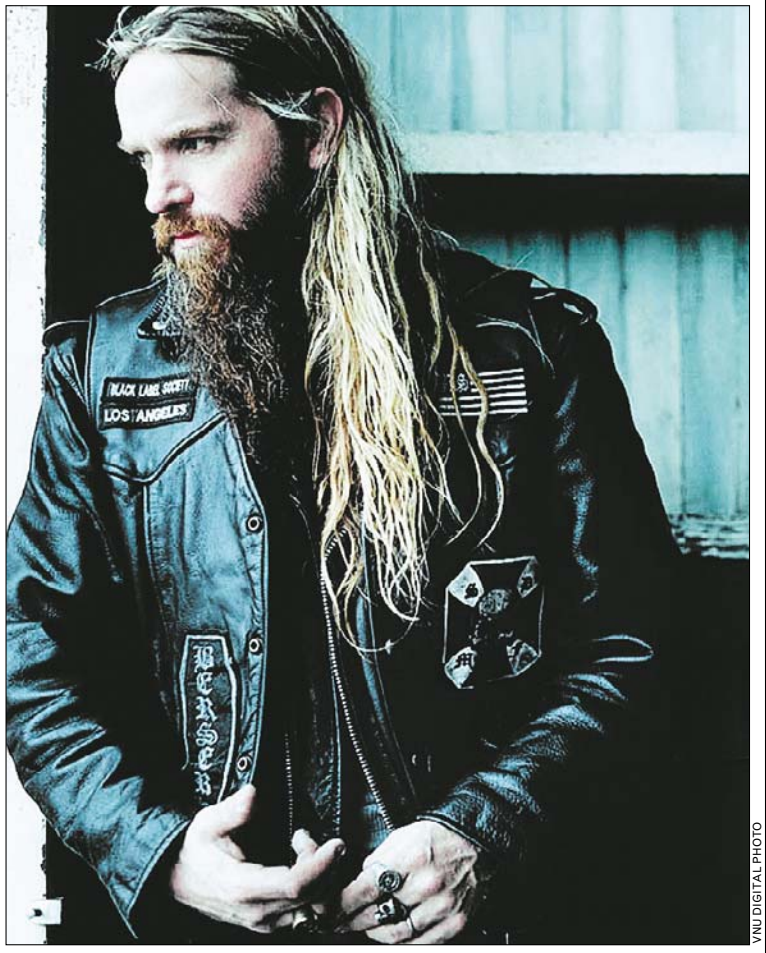
SOCIETY FOLK | In 1987, metal superstar Ozzy Osbourne needed a guitarist. A friend of 19-year-old Zakk Wylde's could get a tape to Osbourne, so the Jersey boy recorded a demo.

Osbourne's wife and manager, Sharon, eventually gave Wylde a call. As Wylde put it, "They flew me out to L.A. The rest is history."

Since then Wylde has co-written Osbourne's albums and performed hundreds of concerts with the Prince of Darkness. But playing with Ozzy was just the first step.

Last month, Wylde was inducted into Hollywood's RockWalk on Sunset Boulevard, joining Eddie Van Halen, Jimi Hendrix and Les Paul.

Reaching the status of rock deity does not mean Wylde no longer works on his craft. "You still gotta practice," he said. "It's like winning the Super Bowl. We gotta repeat. There's always room for improvement, you gotta stay hungry."



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WHAT WOULD OZZY DO? Wylde rocks for his "family," the Black Label Society.

The RockWalk honor is linked to the growing profile of Black Label Society, the band Wylde fronts. Wylde formed B.L.S. as an outlet for brooding metal with influences such as Osbourne's Black Sabbath and Southern rock.

"Family," not "fans" is the word for people who listen to the group. The idea of creating B.L.S. as a brotherhood came from Wylde, who wanted to pay tribute to veterans of World War II (such as his father) who shared a bond and kept in touch.

B.L.S. stands for a lifestyle that Wylde wants to exemplify — always having your family's back and being true to yourself. As he's said, money and fame aside, "if you ain't got God, and you ain't got family, then you ain't got [expletive]."

Fans respond to Wylde as the real deal. His humorous honesty and his love for beer and motorbikes are legendary. His work ethic, along with his talent, is how he keeps building his career. "He is probably the hardest-working artist I have come across," said Bob Ringe, Wylde's manager.

Despite the success of B.L.S., any time that Osbourne wants him, Wylde is ready. "When the boss calls, he just goes, 'Hey, Zakk, I wanna do this.' It's like going home to see your folks," he said with a laugh. "If your dad calls, you go home." CHRISTINA TITUS (BILLBOARD)

It's Better to Watch Than Do

'Torino 2006': all the excitement of watching snow melt

VIDEO GAMES | At least we can watch the real thing on TV. The official video-game version of the Winter Olympics, "Torino 2006," is a drab series of snowy events that may leave the gamer bored in record time.

"Torino 2006" (PC, PlayStation 2 and Xbox) pares the action down to just eight different disciplines spread across 15 events.

We get speed skating but no figure skating or ice hockey. There are several varieties of downhill skiing but no snowboarding.

The included events that you'd think would at least get the adrenaline flowing, such as bobsled and luge, have instead been programmed into uninspired events that just aren't very fun to play.

The perplexing controls are one of the game's biggest stumbling blocks.

During the luge, for example, you don't really have to do anything but make sure you get off to a good start and avoid grinding along the sides of the icy chute. Similarly, downhill skiing is mostly a matter of pressing the X button at the right time to get a good start.

Graphically, there's no sense of speed or movement to give these races some thrill. It's as if the skier is standing still and the ground beneath him is moving.

2K SPORTS/AP

SLUSH FUND: Poor graphics and too few events put a chill on "Torino 2006."

If you do medal, prepare for a ceremony that's stupefyingly devoid of actual medals, national anthems or any other effects. Instead you get three generic-looking athletes standing on a podium, waving their arms before a few pixelated spectators. Beijing 2008, anyone?

MATT SLAGLE (AP)

Today's Top Stops

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ORLANDO MARRA

The World Famous Pontani Sisters put Valentine's Day revelers in the mood.

Burlesque-a-Pades: Kitschy Love

1 Could there be a better way to celebrate St. Valentine's Day than stopping by the Birchmere tonight to watch a lightbulb eater, a comedic one-man band, an Evil Tap Dancing Hate Monkey, a few tattooed strippers and much, much more? Depends who you are.

Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., $17.50, with the World Famous Pontani Sisters, Todd Robbins, Corn Mo, Trixie Little, Fisherman's Xylophonic Burlesque Orchestra; 800-551-7328.

Frederick Douglass: 188th Birthday Party

2 The 19th century's most prominent African American leader, Frederick Douglass, had an estate in Anacostia that is now a National Historic Site. The house where Douglass slept marks his birthday today with a speech by a Howard professor, a performance by an African dance company, presentations by the winners of an oratory contest and more.

Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, 1411 W. St. SE; 10 a.m., free; 202-426-5961. (Anacostia)

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Entertainment

MICHELLE REPISO/EXPRESS

NETHERSWORLD: The new configuration of the Carlsonics has a dark allure

Local Rock Reinvention

D.C.'s Nethers coaxes dark tales out of a small Virginia town

LOCAL HEROES | For a band that cites favorties from Grateful Dead to Motorhead to Guided by Voices to the Byrds, Nethers doesn't sound like a sum of its influences.

In fact, Nethers sounds unlike anyone else in D.C., although the band has friends throughout the thriving rockopolis.

Fans may know guitarists Aaron Carlson and John Passmore, bassist-vocalist Nikki West and drummer Mike Scutari as the band they used to be (with one other member) — hard-rockers the Carlsonics. But a new sound needed a new name, and the group found something darker, more folkish and evocative while putting together "In Fields We Will Lie" (available on apolloaudio.com) in the tiny town of Nethers, Va.

Having reinvented themselves, the foursome, who met as students at James Madison University, are setting off on a seven-week tour. Nethers' farewell show is Wednesday night at the Black Cat.

Part of the ominous allure of their sound is West's voice. Singing about plagues, ships and birds in trouble, West lets the lyrics — which Scutari calls "imagistic" — do the color reporting while her rich deadpan does the play-by-play.

"I don't like writing songs where you're like, 'me' and 'you' and 'this happened to me,'" she said. "There are some melancholy songs, but it's a character's voice."

"Delivery's important, too," added Scutari. "Only Bob Dylan could say 'The sun's not yellow, it's chicken' and make it be not stupid."

Said West, "Do you think he pulled that off, though?"

ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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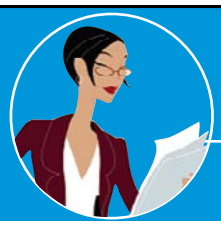

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About Student Loans

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Loan Limits Increasing?

Dear Betsy:
I've read in the news that federal student loan annual maximums are increasing. How much money will I be able to borrow this year? I will be a sophomore at a state university. I also heard that interest rates are going up – are my loans protected from that?

Sincerely,
Robert T.
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Robert:
As of February 2, both the House and the Senate had approved a bill (S. 1932) that included provisions increasing some federal student loan limits but they are not going into effect until July 1, 2007. For dependent undergraduate students, the new annual Stafford Loan limits will be $3,500 for first-year students and $4,500 per year for second-year students, with all other undergraduate limits remaining the same. For graduate students, the unsubsidized Stafford annual limit is increasing from $10,000 per year to $12,000 per year. There are a few other changes to federal annual loan limits as well, so students may want to check with their financial aid office next year. Interest rates for Stafford and Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students are indeed changing this year, but only for loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2006. Stafford loan interest rates are going from a variable rate to a fixed rate of 6.8 percent and PLUS loans are also moving from a variable rate to a fixed rate of 8.5 percent. This means that any existing loans you have will remain at the variable rate but any new loans you receive after July 1 will be at the fixed rate.

Regards,
Betsy

Defaulted Student Loan

Dear Betsy:
In repaying multiple loans (federal and private), would consolidation be better or paying the separate bills?

Thank you,
Nicky
Washington, DC

Dear Nicky:
Great question! I would not recommend consolidating your private loans with your federal loans as by doing so, you would lose many benefits that are available to you on the federal loans. Such benefits include interest subsidies, low interest rates, deferments and repayment options. While consolidating the two together would likely be convenient, the cons definitely outweigh any benefit you would receive.

Hope that helps,
Betsy

Teacher Loan Forgiveness

Dear Betsy:
I recently received a newsletter from my school stating that Congress and the Department of Education passed a Stafford Loan Program which pays for most of the educator's degree program as long as they are a citizen or permanent resident. I have a Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) loan. Where should I look to find more information?

Sincerely,
LaShonda

Dear LaShonda:
The program I think they are referring to is the Taxpayer Teacher Relief Act Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program. This program allows eligible borrowers to potentially have up to $17,500 of their loans forgiven. An eligible borrower is one whose loans were taken out on or after October 1998, and who teaches in a Title I school or area of teaching (teacher shortage area) for a minimum of five consecutive years. To find out if your school qualifies, I would contact the principal or the area superintendent. To find out if your loans qualify and/or to start the ball rolling, contact your student loan holder.

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TV comes through with romantic DVDs for Valentine's Day

DVD | Valentine's Day is an ideal time to watch a romantic movie. But if you can't block out two-plus hours of time, not to worry. There are plenty of options for those seeking short-but-sappy moments on the little screen.

UNDECLARED: THE COMPLETE SERIES Every episode of this college campus comedy is worth watching, but "Eric Visits Again" is a bona fide riot. If you think you're handling a recent break-up badly, this will make you feel decidedly stable.

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15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#

FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 210 400 455) 655 800 930 1030
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (140 430) 725 1000
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (145 435) 735 1005
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (130 420) 730 1010
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (105 205 345 445) 650 750 925 1025
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG (120 215 405 500) 650 745 920 1015
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (100 350 440) 705 940 1035
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (150 425) 710 950
UNDERWORLD EVOLUTION (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 955
LAST HOLIDAY (PG-13) DIG (110 355) 700 945
HOODWINKED (PG) DIG (135 415) 715
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (125) 720

BETHESDA 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#

FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (130 420) 730 1010
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (135 415) 740 1000
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (120 355) 720 945
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (110 405) 700 935
IMAGINE ME & YOU (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 410) 655 955
ANNAPOLIS (PG-13) DIG 940
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (105 340) 645 930
MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 400) 715 950
HOODWINKED (PG) DIG (1250 330) 650
SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 345) 710 1005
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1245 350) 705 1000

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#

Adv. Tix on Sale ROLLING STONES (NR) ★
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (1125 1155 200 230 435 505) 715 745 950 1020
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 225 255 445 515) 710 740 935 1005
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1210 235 500) 720 940
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1200 220 440) 720 940
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG (1150 1225 205 245 430 520) 705 750 930 1010
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (1135 130 210 405 450) 655 725 925 1000
ANNAPOLIS (PG-13) DIG 955
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (1130 155 420) 645 915
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (1225 300 530) 800 1030
UNDERWORLD EVOLUTION (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1140 215 455) 735 1015
THE NEW WORLD (PG-13) DIG (1120)
LAST HOLIDAY (PG-13) DIG (1240)
HOODWINKED (PG) DIG (1230 250 510) 730
MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (325) 650 1025
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1215 335) 640 945

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

OC: CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (320) 635
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (1150 100 240 410 530) 730 830 1010
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 250 430 540) 740 840 1020
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1200 130 230 420 520) 720 820 1000
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1140 110 200 350 440) 630 720 900
CAPOTE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 920
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG (1240 150 300 450 550) 750 850 1030
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (210 500) 800 1030
ANNAPOLIS (PG-13) DIG 910
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (1145 120 220 400 510) 700 810
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (1155 1245 245 345 515) 645 745 915 1025
UNDERWORLD EVOLUTION (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 940
THE NEW WORLD (PG-13) DIG (1150)
GLORY ROAD (PG) DIG (1250 340) 655 945
HOODWINKED (PG) DIG (1140 145 415) 650
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 330) 710 1015
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1220) 930
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1210 310) 640 950

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FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (1200 1250 235 400 510) 720 750 1000 1035
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 405) 730 1010
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1210 240 500) 735 1000
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1215 230 455) 725 955
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG (1225 250 505) 740 1005
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (1205 240 515) 745 1020
ANNAPOLIS (PG-13) DIG (1220)
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (1200 225 450) 715 940
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (1205 245 520) 755 1025
UNDERWORLD EVOLUTION (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 410) 710 950
MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1235 330) 655 945
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 340) 700 1015
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (335) 650 1030

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 200 330 430) 645 730 920 955
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (130 350) 720 940
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (340) 700 1000
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (100 400) 710
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (140 410) 650 930
THE WORLD'S FASTEST INDIAN (PG-13) DIG (120 420) 725 1020
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (150 415) 740 1005
MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105 405) 655 945
MATADOR (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 425) 735 1010
ANNAPOLIS (PG-13) DIG (110)
LAST HOLIDAY (PG-13) DIG 1015

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14
20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#

FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 230 500) 730 950
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1200 1230 220 300 440 515) 700 740 1010
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 740 1020
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1215 115 245 350 510) 715 745 955 1015
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG (1210 250 520) 800 1025
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (120 420) 710 950
ANNAPOLIS (PG-13) DIG 930
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (1250 340) 655 930
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (110 410) 750 1010
UNDERWORLD EVOLUTION (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 1000
GLORY ROAD (PG) DIG (1240)
HOODWINKED (PG) DIG (1200 215 425) 650 915
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 415) 720 1020
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1205 330) 645
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (330) 700 1005

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14
9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#

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FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (1245 330) 730 1010
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 430) 745 1015
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1230 130 315 415) 645 730 930 1015
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (115 400) 715 940
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG (200 500) 800 1020
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (115 345) 715 950
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (1245 315) 645 930
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (145) 745
UNDERWORLD EVOLUTION (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 1010
HOODWINKED (PG) DIG (200 500) 800
MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 430) 815
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 400) 700 1000
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1230 330) 700
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (130 445) 815
GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK (PG) DIG 1020
OC & DA: BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (415) 1005

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#

FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (105 400) 735 1010
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 235 455) 750 1015
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1125 1150 145 210 420 450) 655 730 920 1000
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1135 1205 155 225 410 440) 700 720 935
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG (1200 220 435) 800 1025
ANNAPOLIS (PG-13) DIG (1255 350) 740 1005
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (1245 355) 715 945
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (110 345) 755 1020
UNDERWORLD EVOLUTION (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 915
LAST HOLIDAY (PG-13) DIG 925
GLORY ROAD (PG) DIG 955
HOODWINKED (PG) DIG (1145 205 425) 705
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1235 340) 635 930
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1225 330) 645
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (340) 640 940
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FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) ✓ 1:15, 2:35, 3:35, 5:00, 5:55, 7:30, 8:30, 10:00
FIREWALL (PG13) ✓ 1:30, 3:00, 4:05, 5:30, 6:30, 8:00, 9:00, 10:30
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) ✓ 1:45, 3:15, 4:15, 5:45, 6:45, 8:15, 9:15, 10:35
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DV CC ✓ 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:35
MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 2:25, 5:20, 7:55, 10:25
SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) 1:00, 2:45, 3:30, 5:00, 5:55, 7:20, 8:20, 9:50
ANNAPOLIS (PG13) 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 10:20
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 2:25, 5:35, 8:05, 9:10, 10:35
IMAGINE ME & YOU (R) ✓ 2:25, 4:55, 7:35, 10:05
THE MATADOR (R) 2:10, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20
THE NEW WORLD (PG13) 1:10
UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION (R) 2:15, 4:50, 7:40, 10:15
GLORY ROAD (PG) 4:20
HOODWINKED (PG) 2:20, 4:40, 6:55
LAST HOLIDAY (PG13) 10:10 PM
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:25
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 7:00
CAPOTE (R) 1:05, 4:05, 10:15

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10
Loisdale and Franconia Road
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CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 2:00, 4:15, 6:20, 8:20
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 2:15, 4:45, 8:45
FIREWALL (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 8:00
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30
SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 5:00, 8:15
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) 5:20, 8:45
ANNAPOLIS (PG13) 4:50, 7:45
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 5:10, 8:30
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) DV CC 5:10, 8:30
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) 4:30, 7:30
UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION (R) 8:00
HOODWINKED (PG) 4:40

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FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) ✓ 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) ✓ 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) 2:00, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DV CC 2:00, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25
MATCH POINT (R) 2:50, 5:40, 8:35
GLORY ROAD (PG) 2:10, 7:50
WALK THE LINE (PG13) 4:50

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14
3111 K Street, N.W.
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***THE PINK PANTHER (PG)* ✓ 11:00 AM**
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) ✓ 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
FIREWALL (PG13) ✓ 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) ✓ 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:35
SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 2:00, 4:35, 7:05, 9:25
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) 1:10, 3:30, 10:20
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) CC 1:10, 3:30, 10:20
ANNAPOLIS (PG13) 2:20, 5:00, 7:35
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:50
THE MATADOR (R) 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) 12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:05, 10:35
MATCH POINT (R) 1:20, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10
THE NEW WORLD (PG13) 4:05, 10:45
UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION (R) 10:00 PM
MUNICH (R) 12:30, 3:55, 7:25, 10:55
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:30, 10:55
SYRIANA (R) 12:50, 7:45
WALK THE LINE (PG13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40

LOEWS WISCONSIN AVE. 6
4000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
202-244-0882 714

CURIOUS GEORGE (G) ✓ 2:00, 4:20, 6:40
FIREWALL (PG13) ✓ 1:50, 4:15, 6:50
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) ✓ 2:10, 4:30, 7:00
MUNICH (R) 1:30, 4:45, 8:10
MUNICH (R) CC 1:30, 4:45, 8:10
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 2:40, 6:20
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 1:40, 5:00, 8:00

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda
310-423-1014 741

FIREWALL (PG13) ✓ 2:15, 4:35, 7:10, 9:35
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) ✓ 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
MUNICH (R) 6:05
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 2:45, 6:15, 9:10
WALK THE LINE (PG13) 3:00, 9:25

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18
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CURIOUS GEORGE (G) ✓ 1:20, 3:15, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) ✓ 2:10, 5:30, 7:45, 9:55
FIREWALL (PG13) ✓ 2:05, 4:50, 7:15, 9:35
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) ✓ 1:40, 5:05, 7:35, 9:45
SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 1:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) 1:35, 3:00, 4:10, 5:40, 7:05, 8:15, 9:15
ANNAPOLIS (PG13) 2:30, 5:35, 7:50, 10:00
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) DV CC 2:45, 5:25, 8:00
IMAGINE ME & YOU (R) ✓ 2:00, 5:10, 7:25, 9:35
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) 2:15, 4:40, 7:00, 9:15
THE NEW WORLD (PG13) 9:05 PM
UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION (R) 2:20, 5:15, 7:40, 9:55
GLORY ROAD (PG) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
HOODWINKED (PG) 1:55, 5:00, 7:05
LAST HOLIDAY (PG13) 2:25, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:25, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 1:15, 5:00, 7:55

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CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 4:20, 7:10
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 5:30, 8:10
FIREWALL (PG13) 4:40, 7:20
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 4:30, 7:20
SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 4:10, 7:50
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) 4:00, 8:00
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:20
UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION (R) 5:00, 7:40
HOODWINKED (PG) 4:40, 8:00
LAST HOLIDAY (PG13) 4:50, 7:30
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 4:00, 7:40

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CURIOUS GEORGE (G) ✓ 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:30
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) ✓ 2:00, 4:15, 8:00
FIREWALL (PG13) ✓ 1:30, 5:00, 7:50
SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 1:45, 4:00, 7:55
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) 2:30, 4:45, 8:10
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 3:00, 5:25, 8:15
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) DV CC 3:00, 5:25, 8:15
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) 1:10, 4:05, 7:40
UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION (R) 2:10, 4:30, 8:05
HOODWINKED (PG) 1:05, 3:20, 5:35, 7:35

AMC COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6
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CURIOUS GEORGE (G) ✓ 5:30, 7:45
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) ✓ 5:00, 8:00
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) ✓ 5:30, 8:00
ANNAPOLIS (PG13) 5:15, 8:00
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 5:15, 7:45
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) 5:00, 7:45

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220 844

CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30
FIREWALL (PG13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) 1:00, 2:35, 3:35, 5:10, 6:10, 7:35, 8:30, 10:10, 10:50
ANNAPOLIS (PG13) 1:40, 4:10
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:05, 10:00
UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION (R) 8:40, 11:00
HOODWINKED (PG) 1:50, 4:20, 6:50
LAST HOLIDAY (PG13) 6:40, 9:10

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30
THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA (R) 1:10, 3:40, 6:20, 9:10
MATCH POINT (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
CACHE (R) 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:00, 4:10, 6:50, 9:40
SYRIANA (R) 1:20
GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) 1:50, 4:40, 6:30, 9:00
CAPOTE (R) 1:40, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00

LOEWS DUPONT 5
1350 19th St.
202-872-9555 711

MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 5:50, 8:30
IMAGINE ME & YOU (R) 5:30, 8:20
WHY WE FIGHT (PG13) 5:10, 8:10
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 4:30, 7:30
CAPOTE (R) 4:50, 7:50

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
7850 Tysons Corner Center
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CURIOUS GEORGE (G) ✓ 12:00, 2:15, 4:35, 7:00, 9:15
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) ✓ 12:25, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05
FIREWALL (PG13) ✓ 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:25
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) ✓ 12:00, 1:15, 2:25, 3:40, 4:55, 5:55, 7:20, 8:15, 9:35, 10:30
SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 12:55, 3:25, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) 12:40, 3:10, 5:20, 7:35, 10:00
ANNAPOLIS (PG13) 12:15, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 12:30, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:20
THE MATADOR (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:55
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) 12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DV CC 12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10
UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION (R) 12:45, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:35
GLORY ROAD (PG) 4:15, 10:10
HOODWINKED (PG) 12:20, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10
LAST HOLIDAY (PG13) 4:30, 7:10
FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG13) 9:20 PM
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:00, 4:05, 7:15, 10:15
KING KONG (PG13) 12:30 PM, 9:50 PM
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 1:05, 7:05

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14
10300 Patuxent Parkway
410-423-0520

CURIOUS GEORGE (G) ✓ 12:15, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) ✓ 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
FIREWALL (PG13) ✓ 12:30, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) ✓ 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 8:00, 10:25
SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) 1:55, 4:15, 7:15, 9:40
ANNAPOLIS (PG13) 2:00, 4:55, 7:40, 10:20
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 12:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:35
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:05, 10:25
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DV CC 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:05, 10:25
MATCH POINT (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:35, 10:30
THE NEW WORLD (PG13) 1:15
UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION (R) 9:50 PM
GLORY ROAD (PG) 10:20 PM
HOODWINKED (PG) 2:20, 4:50, 7:35
LAST HOLIDAY (PG13) 4:25, 7:25, 10:05
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:10, 4:05, 7:20, 10:30
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 1:05, 4:05, 7:10

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FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) ✓ 3:00, 5:15, 7:30
FIREWALL (PG13) ✓ 3:10, 5:50, 8:20
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) ✓ 2:50, 5:10, 8:00
SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:50
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 2:40, 5:00, 7:40
UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION (R) 8:30
MUNICH (R) 2:00, 5:20, 8:40
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 2:30, 5:40
GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) 2:10, 5:30, 8:10

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CURIOUS GEORGE (G) ✓ 4:30, 7:00
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) ✓ 5:30, 8:10
FIREWALL (PG13) ✓ 5:40, 8:00
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) ✓ 4:50, 7:40
SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 5:20, 7:50
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) 5:10, 7:20
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 5:00, 7:30
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) 4:40, 7:10

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Viers Mill Rd. Btwn. Georgia & University
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CURIOUS GEORGE (G) ✓ 3:30, 5:45, 7:55, 10:00
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) ✓ 3:40, 8:00, 10:10
FIREWALL (PG13) ✓ 3:50, 7:40, 10:20
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) ✓ 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
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HOODWINKED (PG) 4:35, 7:10, 9:10
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

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MATCH POINT (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
THE NEW WORLD (PG13) 4:40, 10:05
TRANSAMERICA (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
MUNICH (R) 3:45, 7:10
MUNICH (R) CC 3:45, 7:10
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13) 1:30, 5:00, 8:10
WALK THE LINE (PG13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) 1:20, 10:30
CAPOTE (R) 2:10, 7:30

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BAYWATCH ANYTIME: Finally you can skip through annoying plot lines and get straight to lifeguards running in slow motion. A best-of "Baywatch" DVD is being released, with episodes chosen by Pamela Anderson. We trust her judgment.

Television

ON TV TONIGHT

SHUFFLEBOARD ON ICE

TORINO OLYMPICS 2006 (7 p.m. to eternity, NBC) Finally, some ladies' figure skating and, more importantly, curling!

IN THE HOT SEAT

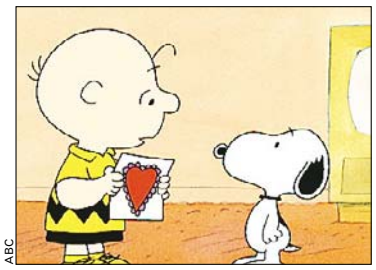
HOUSE (9 p.m., Fox) A young burn victim tests House and the Housettes' ingenuity as they try to diagnose him without actually, you know, touching him

STUPID CUPID

A CHARLIE BROWN VALENTINE (8 p.m., ABC) You can also call it, "Your Heart Is Broken, Charlie Brown." Charlie Brown gets up the courage to call the Little Red-Haired Girl and ends up on the line with Peppermint Patty. Oh, cruel fate!

BAD IDEAS MADE WORSE

DR. PHIL: LOVE SMART (9 p.m., CBS) Paula Abdul and a "real-life Casanova" join ... oh, looky there. Our head just exploded.



ABC

BOY'S BEST FRIEND: At least Snoopy loves you, Charlie Brown. Sort of.

LOVE THAT DARE NOT SPEAK

Wallace Beery and Enid Bennett star in the swashbuckling 1924 silent romance adventure **THE SEA HAWK** (9:30 p.m., TCM), just the thing for old-school Valentines.

ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

American Scourge

'The Meth Epidemic' examines addiction and hopelessness

NO FUTURE | In "The Meth Epidemic," "Frontline" (10 p.m., PBS) looks at a human tragedy and criminal tidal wave that has consumed the lives of more than a million drug users in the country.

Produced with the Portland newspaper "The Oregonian," "Meth" features interviews with reporters and police officers who have been covering the meth subculture for more than a decade. In Oregon, 85 percent of burglaries, muggings, car thefts and identity theft have been traced to the drug.

PBS

A teenage meth user on "Frontline."

We visit a dealer's house where a "garage sale" is in progress. He's selling items stolen within the last couple of hours by addicts hungry for a new high. One junkie has the presence of mind to compare the meth scene to the 1956 chiller "Invasion of the Body Snatchers."

"Frontline" also follows the legal battle to control the sale of key ingredients in meth that are also used in common over-the-counter cold medicines. A former DEA agent describes the successful mid-1980s campaign to eliminate the pharmaceutical production of chemicals used to make quaaludes. But the DEA's war against pseudoephedrine has been stymied by drug-industry lobbyists worried about losing billions in cold-medicine profits. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

2.14.06		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News CC		NBC Nightly News	Olympic Zone	XX Olympic Winter Games (Same-day Tape) CC							News CC
	WTTG 5	Seinfeld CC	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld CC	American Idol "Week 5A: Hollywood"		(:03) House "Distractions" (N) CC		(:03) News		Geraldo at Large	Friends CC
	WJLA 7	News CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Charlie Brown	Rodney (N) CC	Commander In Chief "Tricky Dicks"		Boston Legal "Smile" (N) CC		News CC	(:35) Nightline
	WUSA 9	News CC	CBS News	9News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Price Is Right Spectacular		Dr. Phil Primetime Special		NCIS "Under Covers" CC		News CC	Late Show
	WDCA 20	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Friends CC	Every-Raymond	College Basketball Maryland at Clemson. (Live)				Get This Party Started CC		Get This Party Started (N) CC	
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	Outdoors Md.	Nova "Jewel of the Earth" (N)		National Geographic CC		Frontline "The Meth Epidemic" (N)		Independent Lens "July '64" (N)	
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nova "Jewel of the Earth" (N)		Frontline "The Meth Epidemic" (N)		World War II: The Complete History		Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WHUT 32	World Business	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Mystery! "Inspector Lynley Mysteries" "Missing Joseph"			Love & Murder	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WBDC 50	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	Gilmore Girls "A Vineyard Valentine"		Supernatural "The Benders" (N)		Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Sex and the City	Will & Grace
BASIC CABLE	A&E	American Justice: Conspiracy to Kill		Cold Case Files CC		The Dark Side of Parole CC		Dog the Bounty Hunter (N) CC		Airline CC	Airline CC	Crossing Jordan "Deja Past" CC	
	Animal	Growing Up... "Wolf" CC		Growing Up... "Giraffe" CC		What's to Love Unattractive creatures.		The Most Extreme Animal mating.		The Most Extreme "Odd Couples"		What's to Love Unattractive creatures.	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			BET.com Count	The Ultimate Hustler		The Ultimate Hustler		Top 25 Hottest Black Couples (N)		In Living Color	In Living Color
	Bravo	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy CC		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy CC		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy CC		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy CC		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy CC		Project Runway "Makeover" CC	
	Comedy	(5:00) ★★★ "Rolling Kansas" (2003)		Com.-Presents	Reno 911! CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's Show	South Park CC	Distraction (N)	Mind of Mencia	Daily Show	Colbert Report
	Court	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Cops CC	Cops CC	Hot Pursuit	Hot Pursuit	Texas SWAT	Texas SWAT	Las Vegas Law	Beach Patrol	Masterminds	Masterminds
	Discovery	Cash Cab CC	Cash Cab CC	Dirty Jobs "Vexcon" CC		MythBusters "Buried in Concrete"		Dirty Jobs "Chick Sexer" CC		Stunt Junkies	Survivorman	Deadliest Catch "Dead of Winter"	
	DISCH	Paramedics "Silicon Valley Saviors"		Trauma: Life in the ER CC		Dr. Know CC	Dr. Know CC	Gift of Life CC		Sideshow Stars: The True Story		Dr. Know CC	Dr. Know CC
	Disney	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	★★ "My Date With the President's Daughter" (1998) Dabney Coleman. CC				American Drgn	Sister, Sister	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven
	E!	40 Celebrity Weddings and a Funeral		E! News (N)	E! News	Number 1 Single	Number 1 Single	Number 1 Single	Number 1 Single	Britney and Kevin: True Story		Saturday Night Live CC	
	FX	King of the Hill	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	★★ "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" (2003) Sean Connery, Shane West. Premiere.					The Shield "Rap Payback" (N) CC		(:06) The Shield "Rap Payback"	
	HGTV	Renovation	Wknd Warriors	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Design Remix	Decorating Cents	Mission: Orgnz	House Hunters	Buy Me	Parents House	Designer Finals
	Family	7th Heaven CC		Smallville "Truth" CC		★★★ "Ghost" (1990) Patrick Swayze. A murder victim returns to save his beloved fiancee. CC					Whose Line?	The 700 Club CC	
	History	Modern Marvels: Police Guns CC		Modern Marvels: Digi-Tech CC		St. Valentine's Day Massacre Mobsters are killed in Chicago. CC				Modern Marvels: Candy CC		Marvels: More Snackfood Tech	
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	"Perfect Romance" (2004) Kathleen Quinlan, Lori Heuring. CC				"Crazylove" (2005, Drama) Reiko Aylesworth, Bruno Campos. Premiere. CC				Will & Grace	Will & Grace
	MTV	Date My Mom (N)	Room Raiders (N)	Direct Effect		Diary Kanye West.	MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs	Wild & Out	MTV's The Shop	Next	Next
	NICK	Ned's School	Danny Phantom	Fairly Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Danny Phantom	Full House CC	Hi-Jinks CC	Roseanne CC	Roseanne CC	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Homecoming" CC		★ "Out for Blood" (2004, Horror) Kevin Dillon, Lance Henriksen. CC				★ "Dracula 3000: Infinite Darkness" (2004, Horror) Casper Van Dien. CC				"John Carpenter Presents Vampires"	
	SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		King of Vegas "War of the Words"		World's Most Amazing Videos CC	
	TBS	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends CC	Friends CC	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	(:10) Seinfeld	(:40) Seinfeld	(:10) ★★★ "The Birdcage" (1996)	
	TLC	Martha Andrea Bocelli. (N) CC		Rides "Eleanor's Big Bro"		Overhaulin' "Leno's Heist" CC		Overhaulin' "Customs" CC		Miami Ink CC		Miami Ink CC	
	TNT	Charmed "Witch Wars" CC		Law & Order "Born Again"		Law & Order "Who Let the Dogs Out"		Law & Order CC (DVS)		The Closer "Batter Up" CC		Cold Case "Greed" CC	
	USA	Olympic Ice (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show "Closing Night" At Madison Square Garden in New York. (Live)						Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
	VHI	My Fair Brady	My Fair Brady	My Fair Brady		★★★ "The Wedding Singer" (1998) Adam Sandler. Premiere.				The Flavor of Love		Web Junk 20	Hwd Secrets
SPAN.	TELEM	Sala de Parejas	Noti-Telemndo	La Tormenta		El Cuerpo del Deseo		Corazón Partido	Decisiones	Decisiones		Noti-Telemndo	Laura
	UNIV	¡Que Locura!	Noticiero Univ	Piel de Otoño Mujeres valientes.		Contra Viento y Marea		Alborada		Vecinos		Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC		College Basketball Alabama at South Carolina. (Live) CC				College Basketball Michigan State at Iowa. (Live) CC				SportsCenter (Live) CC	
	ESPN2	Mike and Mike	Around the Horn	Interruption	College Basketball St. Joseph's at Temple. (Live) CC				NBA Coast-to-Coast (Live) CC			Quite Frankly With Stephen A. Smith	
	CSN	Knockouts	SportsNite CC	AHL Hockey All-Star Classic. From Winnipeg, Man. (Taped)						SportsNite (Live) CC		ACC All-Access	Best-Sports
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight CC		The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now CC		Larry King Live CC		Anderson Cooper 360 CC			
	FNC	Special Report (Live) CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) CC		Hannity & Colmes (Live) CC		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report		Hardball CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Rita Cosby Live & Direct		Scarborough Country		The Situation With Tucker Carlson	
MOVIES	AMC	(5:15) ★★★ "Never Say Never Again" (1983) Sean Connery. 'PG' CC				★★★ "Diamonds Are Forever" (1971, Action) Sean Connery, Jill St. John. 'PG' CC					★★★ "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977) Roger Moore.		
	TCM	★★★ "The Band Wagon" (1953, Musical) Fred Astaire. 'NR' CC				★★★ "Benji" (1974, Comedy) Peter Breck. Premiere. 'G'			★★★★ "The Sea Hawk" (1940) Errol Flynn. A 16th-century swashbuckler sails against Spain.				
	HBO	(5:00) ★★★ "Les Miserables" (1998)		(:15) ★★★ "Napoleon Dynamite" (2004, Comedy) Jon Heder. 'PG' CC				★★ "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous" (2005) Sandra Bullock.				★★ "Elektra" (2005) Jennifer Garner.	
	MAX	★★★ "Sideways" (2004, Comedy-Drama) Paul Giamatti. 'R' CC				(:15) ★ "Picture Perfect" (1997, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston. 'PG-13' CC				★★★ "Soul Food" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Vanessa L. Williams. 'R' CC			
	SHOW	My Teacher's	★★ "Saved!" (2004) Jena Malone. iTV. 'PG-13' CC			★★★ "Stage Beauty" (2004) Billy Crudup. iTV Premiere. 'R' CC				Sleeper Cell "Family" (iTV) CC		The L Word "Lifesize" (iTV) CC	
	TMC	(:15) ★★ "The Rosary Murders" (1987) Donald Sutherland. Premiere. 'R'				★★★ "Four Weddings and a Funeral" (1994) Hugh Grant. 'R' CC				★★ "Sex Is Comedy" (2002) Anne Parillaud. 'R' CC			Last Tango
	STARZ!	(5:35) ★★ "Jersey Girl" (2004) Ben Affleck. 'PG-13' CC			(:20) ★★ "The Forgotten" (2004) Julianne Moore. CC			★★★ "Sin City" (2005, Crime Drama) Jessica Alba, Devon Aoki. 'R' CC				(:10) ★★★ "Friday Night Lights"	
	ENCORE	(:05) ★★★ "Mr. Destiny" (1990, Comedy) James Belushi. 'PG-13' CC				★★ "The Butterfly Effect" (2004, Suspense) Ashton Kutcher. 'R' CC				★★★ "The Thing" (1982, Horror) Kurt Russell, T.K. Carter. 'R' CC			

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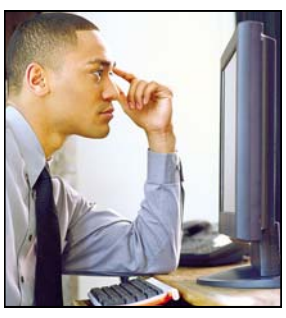

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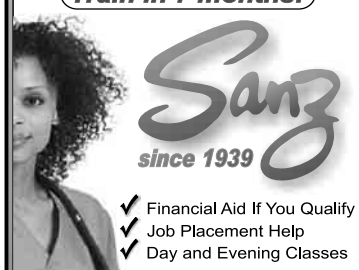

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Fuel

Push for alternative energy takes look at insects and microbes

Bug Juice

The key to kicking what President Bush calls the nation's oil addiction could very well lie in termite guts, canvas-eating jungle bugs and other microbes genetically engineered to spew enzymes that turn waste into fuel.

It may seem hard to believe that microscopic bugs usually viewed as destructive pests can be so productive. But scientists and several companies are working with the creatures to convert wood, corn stalks and other plant waste into sugars that are easily brewed into ethanol — essentially 199-proof moonshine that can be used to power automobiles.

Thanks to biotechnology breakthroughs, supporters of alternative energy sources say that after decades of unfulfilled promise and billions in government corn subsidies, energy companies may be able to produce ethanol easily and inexpensively.

"The process is like making grain alcohol, or brewing beer, but on a much bigger scale," said Nathanael Greene, an analyst with the environmental group Natural Resources Defense Council. "The technologies are out there to do this, but we need to convince the public this is real and not just a science project."

Using microbes may even solve a growing dilemma over the current ethanol manufacturing process, which relies almost exclusively on corn kernels and yielded only 4 billion gallons of ethanol last year (compared to the 140 billion gallons of gasoline used in the United States). There's growing concern throughout the Midwestern corn belt that the 95 U.S. ethanol plants are increasingly poaching corn meant for the dinner table or livestock feed.

The idea mentioned by Bush during his State of the Union speech — called "cellulosic ethanol" — skirts that problem because it makes fuel from farm waste such as straw, corn stalks and other inedible agricultural leftovers. Cellulose is the woody stuff found in branches and stems that makes plants hard.

FRED CHARTRAND/AP

HAY RIDE: Jeff Passmore of Iogen said straw can already power special engines.

Breaking cellulose into sugar to spin straw into ethanol has been studied for at least 50 years. But the technological hurdles and costs have been so daunting that most ethanol producers have relied on heavy government subsidies to squeeze fuel from corn.

Researchers are now exploring various ways to exploit microbes, the one-cell creatures that serve as the first link of life's food chain. One company uses the microbe itself to make ethanol. Others are taking the genes that make the waste-to-fuel enzymes and splicing them into common bacteria. What's more, a new breed of "synthetic biologists" are trying to produce the necessary enzymes by creating entirely new life forms through DNA.

Bush's endorsement of the waste-to-energy technology has renewed interest in actually supplanting fossil fuels as a dominant energy source — a goal long dismissed as pipe dream.

"We have been at this for 25 years and we had hoped to be in commercial production by now," said Jeff Passmore, an executive vice president at ethanol-maker Iogen. "What the president has done is — perhaps — put some wind in the sails." PAUL ELIAS (AP)

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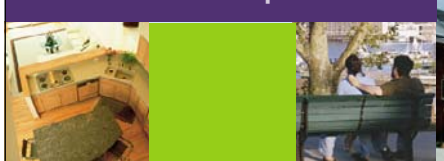

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Mission: Shoppable

From the L Street shopping trip: Shave kit from the Grooming Lounge, book from Borders, candy from Chocolate Chocolate, duckies ($4.75) and card ($3.50) from Chocolate Moose.

Don't Have a Heart Attack

Emergency gift shopping

In case the piles of heart-shaped boxes and stuffed animals didn't tip you off earlier, it's Feb. 14. Let that sink in. Now feel free to freak out. Just because you forgot Valentine's Day doesn't mean your gift-craving sweetie will be empty-handed tonight, however. We've identified four spots where you can swoop in, extract the goodies and get out, all in less than 15 minutes.

Downtown

There is no more romantic block than L Street between Connecticut and 17th, because amidst the gray office buildings are two fine chocolate shops. If desperate lovers haven't cleaned the shelves at Chocolate Chocolate (1050 Connecticut Ave. NW), you can snag a silk heart filled with Neuhaus pralines ($25) or a lovely Joseph Schmidt collection in a hand-made box. If the fancier stuff sells out, the store can still pack up its signature chocolates in a silver box (8 pieces for $19). Across the street at Chocolate Moose (1743 L St. NW), find Leonidas and Naron truffles ($28 per pound), plus a seemingly bottomless trove of V-Day paraphernalia. Run next door to The Grooming Lounge (1745 L St. NW) for the Greatest Shave Ever Kit ($60). At Borders (1801 K St. NW), grab "Love Notes: A Random Reference for the Modern Romantic" ($13), a compendium of amorous trivia.

Old Town Alexandria

Now that there's a Whole Foods (1700 Duke St.), you can manage the whole shebang there. Or be a wee bit more creative. The Discovery Channel Store (118 King St.) carries the Hydra Gel Infrared Massager ($25). The same building holds an outpost of Paper Source, where you can score make-your-own Valentine kits ($5.25-$7). Cause swooning with rose-themed jewelry from She's Unique (205 King St.), which carries amber brooches ($59, $75) and mother-of-pearl earrings ($45).

Bethesda

The back of Bella Italia (4844 Bethesda Ave.) is packed with chocolate, including Venchi brand bars in chili, absinthe, cinnamon and vanilla flavors ($4.25 each). Shop for cards at The Papery (4852 Bethesda Ave.), then swing around the block to the Discovery Too gallery (7247 Woodmont Ave.) and choose a canvas from the Hearts by Mary collection ($125). Or, go more practical at Georgetown Opticians and Pen Co. (7263 Woodmont Ave.) with a Caran d'Ache pen set in a red leather case ($180). Continue the desk theme at The Waygoose (4848 Bethesda Ave.), which carries exquisite glass heart-shaped paperweights ($35-$45).

Pentagon Row

Ditch the bonbons in favor of a triple chocolate moose cake from Sweet Surrender. At the Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa, pick up a certificate for the "Crush" package, which entails a hot stone massage, a facial and lunch ($220). For the sporty partner, there's Hudson Trail Outfitters, where you can pick up Patagonia undies, like the Capilene thong ($18). Bed, Bath and Beyond has another hot item: the deep-red George Foreman G5 Grill ($130). Grab it and go. There are probably presents waiting for you, too.

VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

Beauty

Beat Your Brows Into Submission

No one puts mascara on their lips or jams a blush brush in their eye, but beautifying eyebrows is a little less intuitive. The **MALLY BEAUTY EYEBROW KIT** ($35, qvc.com) puts most of the tools you need for better brows in one metallic pink case. A two-headed comb (which also proved helpful in untangling clumpy lashes) neatens, a two-sided brow pencil handles full-brow coverage and detail work, and the beauty gel works as hairspray, holding brows in place. And there's a handy guide. While all of the products are high-quality (the pencil is particularly good), the absence of tweezers is rather odd.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Hygiene

Don't Put That In Your Mouth!

You think you're so healthy, with your hand sanitizer and your surgical mask and your brushing your teeth after any morsel of food, including gum, crosses your lips. But that toothbrush could be a cesspool of writhing, aggressive, mutating germs. The purse-sized, battery-powered **ORASAFE TOOTHBRUSH SANITIZER** ($20, orasafe.net) claims to kill 99.9 percent of the buggers with ultraviolet light. Our tester found the zapper easy to use (insert toothbrush, turn on), but found that storing her brush in the unit left the bristles with a musty taste (it went away with the next brushing). For germophobes, the Orasafe may be the next weapon in the battle for compulsive cleanliness. K.P.K.

Look out | Voices

Arachnids | 'Spider-Hunter'

Arachnologist **MARTIN NICHOLAS** was online Monday to discuss the PBS program "True Adventures of the Ultimate Spider-Hunter." | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

What kind of spider was the largest spider ever recorded in history?

Two answers to this question. Largest living spider is the one featured in the show: the Goliath's record legspan measures 12 inches across but there was a fossil spider called Megarachne that measured 25 inches, from Argentina 50 million years ago

When you were handling the Goliath tarantula, you mentioned some of the hairs getting onto your skin and that itching would come later. Does the spider shoot out hairs that are irritating to human (or other) skin?

The Goliath kicks out "irticating hairs" that act like nettle rash or poison oak. They make you itch but are much worse when they get in your eyes or nose! Very painful!

How strong is the web of the Golden Orb-Weaver?

It's one of the strongest materials known to man for its weight and is tougher than top-strength nylon or steel thread

What was the most difficult spider to find?

Undoubtedly, the cave tarantula was the most difficult not only to find but to get to in the first place! One mile underground in a very hot, damp cave. But worth every second when we found it.

You said the Wandering spider is the deadliest. Is that the deadliest in the world or just in South America? Is its venom worse than that of the Sydney funnel web spider of Australia?

Wandering spider is more venomous, more widespread and faster and aggressive than the funnel web and therefore qualifies as "world's most dangerous," but the title is quite subjective.

If someone went looking for some of these spiders what would you say to bring along on the adventure?

Go out during the day and look for webs and burrows, then return at night when the spider is likely to be out hunting and more visible. But don't forget mosquito repellant, a good flashlight and a long-sleeved shirt.

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2 P.M.: Douglas LaBier, psychotherapist and business psychologist, examines balancing home and work versus getting your public and private lives in sync.

2 P.M.: James L. Swanson, author of "Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer," will be online to discuss his book and the upcoming movie.

Letters

Let Show Go On, Colleges

IN RESPONSE TO Genna White's letter in Monday's Express, I was stunned by the author's contradictions. Ms. White discusses academic freedom, then applauds her university's decision to ban "The Vagina Monologues" because the message (raising awareness about the exploitation of women) is not suitable for a Catholic university. Since when does academic freedom mean censoring honest discourse just because some may not be used to talking about "difficult issues"? These forums, in all their artistic diversity, foster conversation about the larger societal questions of human rights, diversity, and morality — precisely what a university environment should foster. With open dialogue in which to discuss complex issues such as gay rights and women's rights, students will have a more authentic educational experience, making them increasingly prepared for the real world.

—KEN SEIFERT
Alumnus, University of Notre Dame, Arlington, Va.

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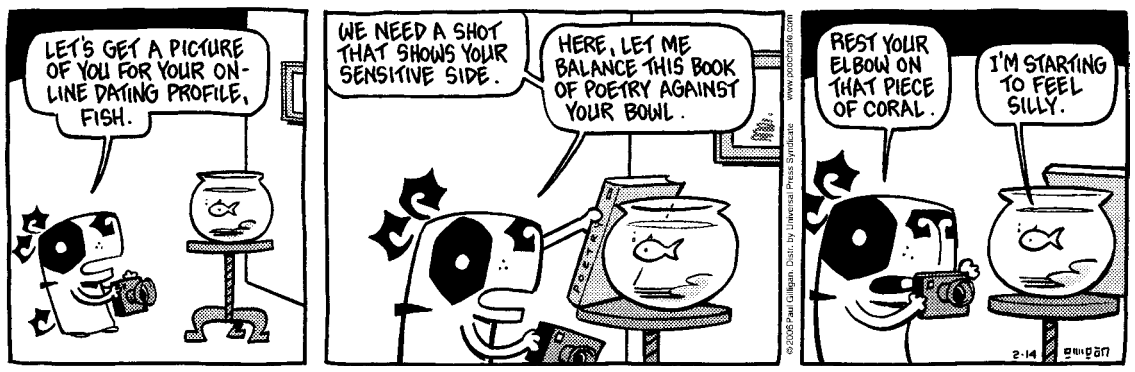

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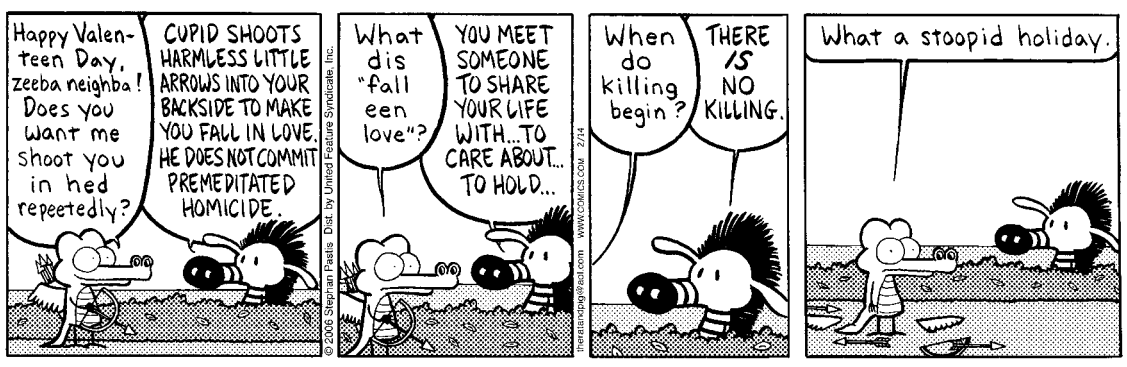

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Look out

OLYMPIC DISINTEREST

"It didn't matter what the sport was. Fencing, downhill skiing, diving, bobsledding ... no matter how exciting or boring the event, we watched ... and cheered them."

BEYONDTHEMALL.WORDPRESS.COM LAMENTS THAT EXCITEMENT SURROUNDING THE OLYMPIC GAMES HAS WANED OVER THE YEARS.

THE Blog LOG

HAMMERED STAMMERINGS

"Alcohol and rock stars are supposed to mix to create all the creativity that us normal folks say that we're lacking. I think it has the opposite effect on Scott Stapp."

LIVEMUSICBLOG.COM LAUGHS AT A REPORT BY TMZ.COM WHERE THE MUCH-LOATHED FORMER CREED FRONTMAN WAS REPORTEDLY KEPT FROM BOARDING A PLANE IN LOS ANGELES BECAUSE HE WAS DRUNK.

BELLY WATCH

"But since just every other knocked-up celeb denied their pregnancy for months on end, we'll hold on to this info ..."

GLITTERATIGOSSIP.COM WILL BE EYEING PENELOPE CRUZ'S TUMMY AFTER A PHOTOGRAPHER CLAIMED TO SEE A "BULGE."

SUGAR SHOCK

"Every year at Valentine's Day, I turn off my phone, lock the door, and eat a huge box of chocolates that I buy for myself. Being hypoglycemic, I usually pass out about halfway through, then whenever I wake up, I stuff 3-4 more in my mouth and pass out again."

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Remember that the times are changing, and be willing to make adjustments before others if you're going to remain ahead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The suddenness of events may take you by surprise early in the day, but as things progress you're sure to get used to new things as they come.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take care that someone doesn't misinterpret your own unusual actions and begin behaving in a way that could threaten you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're going to have to change your mind simply to suit those in authority. It's all a matter of routine, so don't hold a grudge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Home affairs bring you the most satisfaction, so you'll be eager to get back home as often as possible throughout this busy day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It will be up to you to talk reason to someone who may be unwilling, at first, to listen to reason. Ultimately, you can set things straight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have every reason to think that everything is going your way — but as soon as you do prepare for a minor setback.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will want to get your own work done as early as possible to concentrate on helping someone else in need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your charisma and powerful way of speaking can work wonders for you — but one person in the crowd may actually try to resist you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Avoid extravagance — both in behavior and style. Do what you can to maintain a balance between mind, body and spirit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) If you're going to do what is asked of you, first equip yourself with the most up-to-date and accurate information.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) One false move can put you in the running for the mistake of the year award — and you'll be a shoe-in. Great care must be taken.

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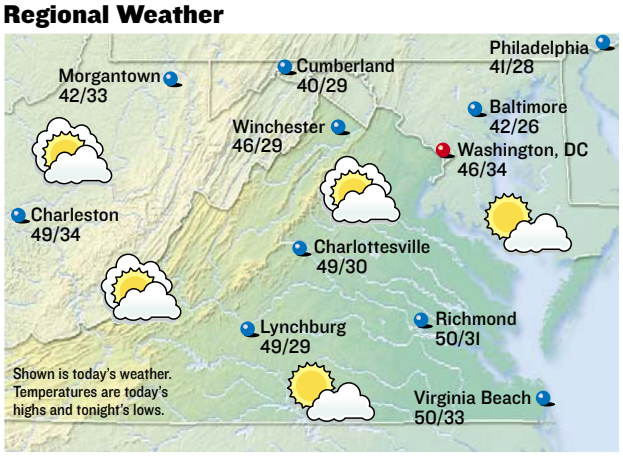
Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly sunny, milder	Mostly clear	Partly sunny, warmer	Partly sunny, breezy, mild	Cloudy, windy, rain possible early	Partly sunny, much colder
46°	34°	60° / 40°	58° / 41°	56° / 28°	30° / 25°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Mon.

Temperature

High	37°
Low	24°
Normal high	46°
Normal low	29°
Average humidity	49%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.02"
Month to date	2.21"
Normal month to date	1.18"
Year to date	5.46"
Last year to date	3.46"
Normal year to date	4.39"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

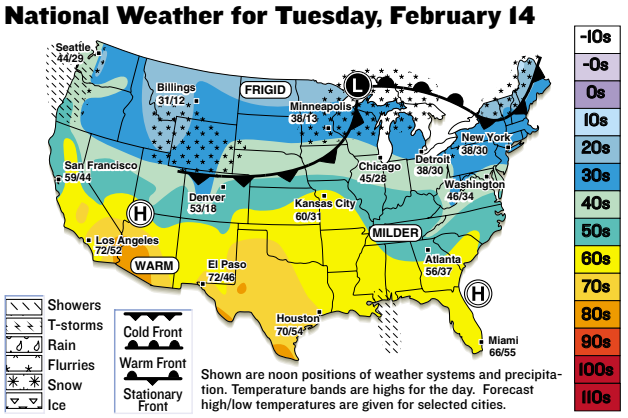
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, milder than recent days. High 46. Wind south-southwest 6-12 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 34.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:01 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:44 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:16 p.m.
Moonset today	7:52 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Feb 21	Feb 27	Mar 6	Mar 14

National Weather for Tuesday, February 14



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	56/37/s	60/41/pc
Boston	39/28/pc	47/37/pc
Chicago	45/28/pc	42/28/sn
Dallas	68/52/s	77/58/pc
Denver	53/18/pc	32/14/sf
Honolulu	79/62/s	79/63/sh
Los Angeles	72/52/pc	62/47/pc
Miami	66/55/s	73/62/sh
New York City	38/30/pc	49/36/pc
Orlando	63/42/s	72/52/pc
Seattle	44/29/sh	42/29/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	42/40/sh	43/39/r
Athens	46/36/r	48/36/sh
Berlin	36/28/c	37/32/sf
Buenos Aires	90/71/s	85/73/s
Calgary	26/8/sf	17/-4/sf
Dublin	46/43/c	46/39/sh
Geneva	38/32/pc	39/39/sh
Moscow	12/-6/pc	10/8/c
Rome	54/34/pc	54/46/pc
Sydney	72/66/pc	77/68/s
Tokyo	50/41/pc	57/46/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Look out | People

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He'll reach out and grab your heart!

VILIFICATION

And It Shall Be Called the 'Britney the Bad Mama Law'

Transportation Secretary **NORMAN MINETA** called Britney Spears "irresponsible" for driving with her baby on her lap as he announced a new initiative Monday to improve child car-seat safety. "Her actions still send the wrong message to millions of her fans," Mineta said at an event to mark the start of Child Passenger Safety Week. (AP)

INEBRIATION

'He's So Spiritual' Now Has a Whole New Meaning

One day after reportedly getting married, former Creed lead singer **SCOTT STAPP** was arrested for investigation of being drunk at Los Angeles International Airport. Stapp was taken into custody by airport police at 6 p.m. Saturday on suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol. He was booked and released on $250 bail from an area jail the same day. (AP)

DANNY MOLOSHOK/AP

IMAGE REHAB

'Hey Y'all, Party!'

Louisiana native **BRITNEY SPEARS** will celebrate Mardi Gras in New Orleans. "It is so important for this amazing city to continue its annual traditions and I am really looking forward to being involved," Spears said in a statement Monday. She will appear on "Good Morning America" on Feb. 28 with "surprises for a group of very deserving young residents." (AP)

WHINING

'Paris Ruined Everything!'

The Sundance Film Festival is too intense for founder **ROBERT REDFORD**, who says he wasn't around for all of it this year. "To the outside world, it's a big fat market where you have people like Paris Hilton going to parties. Now, she doesn't have anything to do with anything. I think the festival is close to being out of control," he told Newsweek. He can be heard providing commentary on the newly remastered "All the President's Men." (AP)

OFFERS

'Join Us, Join Us,' Chants NBC to Vulnerable Skater

MICHELLE KWAN won't be on the ice, and she won't be behind a microphone either. Soon after an injured Kwan bowed out of the games, NBC executives courted the athlete they had banked on being its biggest draw, hoping to lure her into the broadcast booth. But Kwan turned down the job offer, saying she didn't want to be a distraction for remaining members of the U.S. Olympic figure skating team, NBC Sports spokesman Michael McCarley said Sunday. The star withdrew from the Olympics on Sunday because of a strained groin muscle, ending her quest for her first gold medal in what was expected to be one of the most compelling stories in Turin. Women's figure skating traditionally is the most-watched Winter Olympics event. (AP)

Behold, the only garment in the world that could make Natalie look fat.

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LIES!

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NATALIE PORTMAN found she "wasn't used to being looked at so much" after she shaved her head for "V for Vendetta." "Walking down the street, I can usually blend in, and people really stare at you when you're a girl with a shaved head," she told reporters at the Berlin International Film Festival. She says she fulfilled a longstanding ambition by shaving her head for the sci-fi thriller. "I was really excited to get to shave my head — it's something I'd wanted to do for a while and now I had a good excuse. ... It was nice to shed that level of vanity for a girl." "Vendetta" screened outside the competition Monday. (AP)

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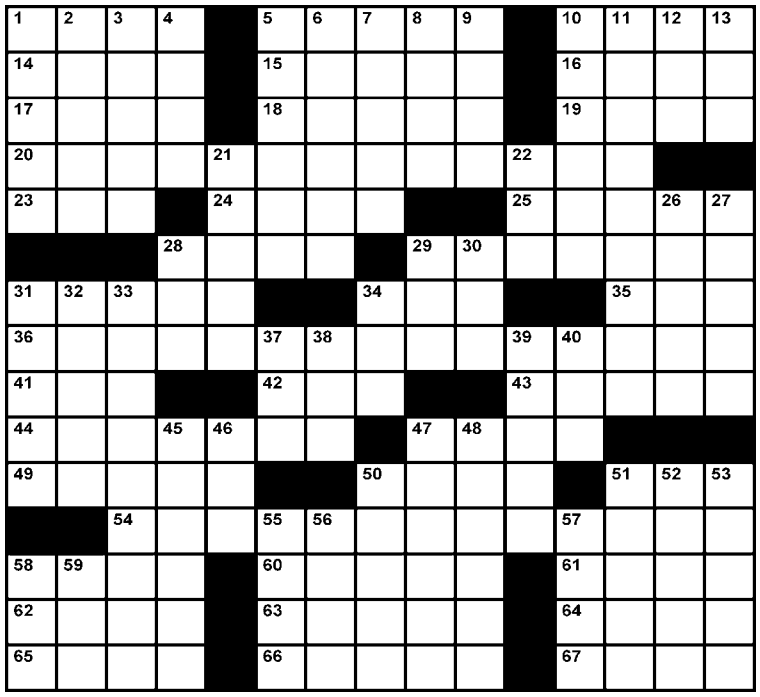

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10 Cathedral protuberance
14 Little pat on your buns?
15 Hub of India
16 Gift line
17 Sight from a fjord
18 Poet Nash
19 T-Men, e.g.
20 Insincere ladies' men
23 Indeterminate number
24 Change course suddenly
25 Cowardly flees the scene
28 Sibilant summons
29 "A Raisin in the Sun" actress
31 $10 gold piece
34 Give-go links
35 Golf's Baker-Finch
36 Pickup line deliverers, perhaps
41 Parson bird
42 Hullabaloo
43 Word with charlotte or Ballet
44 Actress Getty
47 Dent slightly
49 Breeds, as livestock
50 Sacred Hindu writings
51 Vigor partner
54 Some social parasites
58 Frame of mind
60 In captivity, in a way
61 Type of test
62 Jim-dandy
63 Violinmaker Nicolo
64 Salmon variety
65 Fawning females?
66 It's a plus
67 Med. care providers

DOWN
1 Foofaraw
2 Acting twins
3 Pass along
4 Jordanian queen
5 Sun-dried bricks
6 Lament
7 Kind of statesman
8 NL park
9 Babe's greeting?
10 Free-for-all
11 Spanish forts
12 Nursery offering
13 Abbr. on an ambulance
21 Couch potato's focus
22 Flow partner
26 Norman and Edward
27 It's good when common
28 Middle Eastern org.
29 Rd. map line, perhaps
30 Middle Eastern org., once
31 Fragrant organic compound
32 Tell good jokes, e.g.
33 Refuse help
34 Wall St. offering
37 Holbrook or Prince
38 Poem of devotion
39 Classic TV's Ricardo
40 Kind of boat
45 Eats away at, as support
46 Shaq's college
47 Computer command
48 Cry of accomplishment
50 Where the hits are counted
51 Sound heard at Indy
52 Potato variety
53 What we opened before we had Windows
55 Some ESPN coverage
56 Grable's trademark
57 Part of a foot
58 Like King George III
59 Tic-tac-toe winner

Yesterday's Solution

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1895 Oscar Wilde's final play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," opened at the St. James's Theatre in London.

1903 The Department of Commerce and Labor was established. (It was divided into departments of Commerce and Labor in 1913.)

1929 The "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

1989 Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini called on Muslims to kill Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," a novel said to be blasphemous.

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Yesterday's Solution

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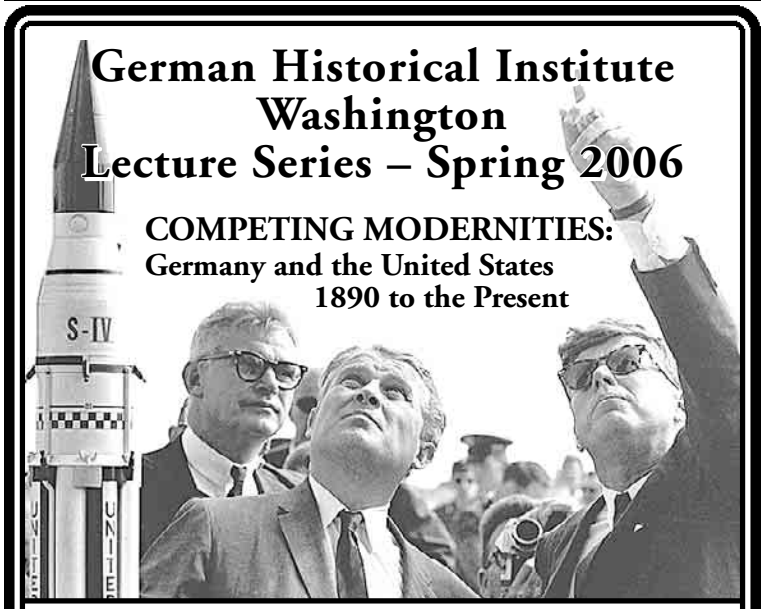

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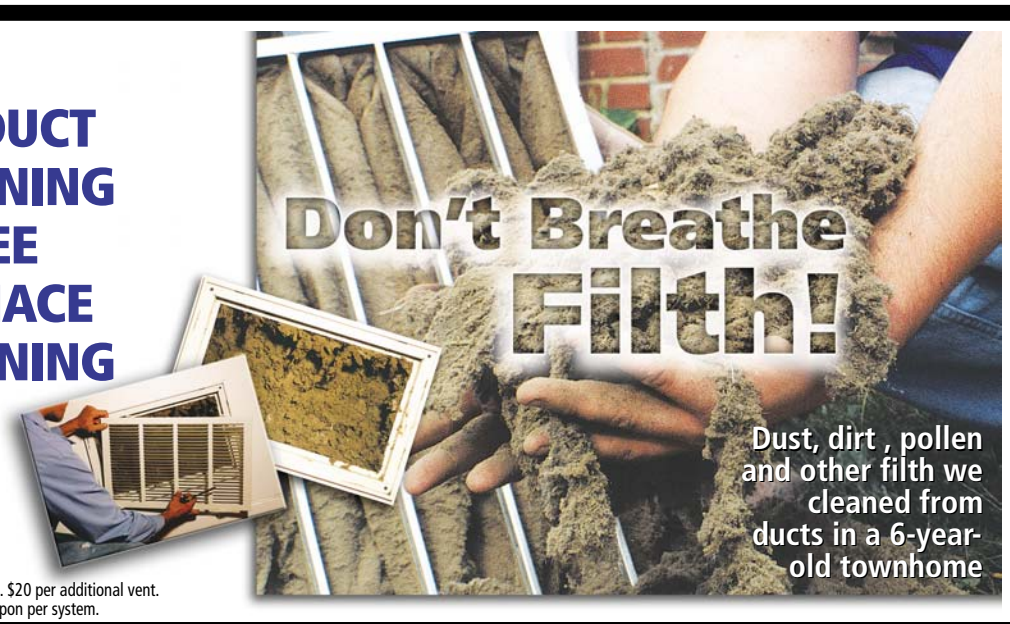

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